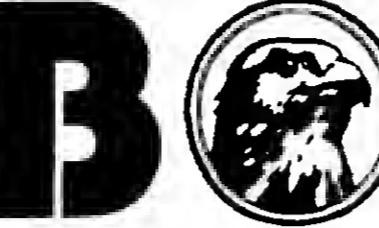


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Efforts to break peace talks deadlock

Kuwaiti envoy meets Velayati

GENEVA, Sept 7. (Agencies): Kuwait's permanent representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Salem Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, held talks today with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati in an effort to break a deadlock in Gulf war peace negotiations.

They also discussed bilateral issues.

The meeting took place at the Iranian ambassador's official residence, and Iran's Ambassador to Geneva Sirius Nasser also took part.

The Kuwaiti ambassador has already met Iraq's Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz.

Response

Earlier, the London-based Ash Sharq Al Aswan newspaper said that the Gulf Co-operation Council will send envoys to Iran and Iraq to try to break the deadlock.

The newspaper said the council agreed at a meeting of foreign ministers in Riyadh on Monday to send representatives in response to a call by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to help the talks along.

Iran and Iraq started talking peace in Geneva on Aug 25, five days after a ceasefire went into effect, but have so far failed to achieve any agreement.

In Paris, United Nations



assumed the presidency of the UN Security Council for the month of September.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, meanwhile, said today any peace settlement with Iran should include a new treaty to replace the one he tore up days before the two countries went to war eight years ago.

"The 1975 Algiers agreement is practically non-existent and logic says any accord must include a new agreement," Saddam told a joint news conference he held with visiting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Saddam has previously said Iraq signed the Algiers Treaty under duress. Iran insists the accord, which delineates their border, is still valid.

Shunned

The Iranian and Iraqi delegations sent to Geneva to negotiate an end to the eight-year war have shunned each other since the second day of the two-week-old talks and their foreign ministers have not met Eliasson since Saturday night, leaving such discussions to lower-level representatives.

Despite the lack of movement, neither Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz nor Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati wanted to leave Geneva for fear of losing points in a propaganda battle, according to the

Perez de Cuellar said.

Constant

The UN chief said he was in constant touch with his personal representative at the talks, Swedish envoy Jan Eliasson, and said he remained optimistic despite the problems.

Perez de Cuellar was speaking after a meeting at the Elysee Palace with French President Francois Mitterrand. France has

diplomats. While Eliasson has pledged to keep working for incremental progress, the two Gulf enemies continued to trade accusations and threats in the war of words.

Eliasson said he would try to forge agreement initially on small issues in order to inspire compromise later on more sensitive topics.

"We are trying to achieve movement," he said on arriving for today's talks at the UN's European headquarters.

Immobile

Perez de Cuellar said both sides were "immobile" on one of the main obstacles to the UN peace plan, the Shatt Al Arab, a disputed waterway that forms a border between the two nations and provides Iraq's only access to the Gulf.

"I am trying to see if I can find a compromise formula," he said.

Meanwhile, the commander of UN observers acknowledged problems monitoring the Gulf war ceasefire but said Iran and Iraq were co-operating well. Iran's national news agency IRNA reported today.

Major-General Slavko Jovic, Yugoslav commander of the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNII-MOG), told a Tehran news conference his group was fully mobile, had defined the ceasefire line, and was strengthening its positions.

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Threat of famine in Bangladesh looms large

DHAKA, Sept 7. (Agencies): A massive international relief effort is required to avert famine in Bangladesh, where devastating floods have disrupted the distribution of supplies, sources said, and receding waters swept away at least eight villages, officials said.

The level of Bangladesh's two major rivers, the Brahmaputra and the Ganges, diminished but the situation deteriorated in the second basin with the rise of the River Meghna, officials said.

The government, facing an uphill battle to feed millions of people marooned by the torrential rains, sought international relief aid, which has not reached the impoverished nation because Dhaka airport is closed.

Investigate

An international team of experts was expected to reach Dhaka today to investigate if the runway, now mostly free of flood water, is usable for heavy planes.

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, India and other countries said they are ready to fly in relief supplies but the planes have been unable to land at Zia International Airport.

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the country faced an epidemic of diarrhoea. Officials urgently requested that drinking water be made available to the marooned millions.

Receding waters washed away four bridges on the Dhaka-Barishal national highway and eight villages in Netrakona district in the northeast.

Police said two boats capsized with 80 aboard who were being evacuated from flooded areas at Shohagpur, 70 miles (110 km) northwest of Dhaka. At least 37 people were feared drowned.

Disorder

The Kusiyara River rose sharply from waters in the upper catchment in India and flooding hit the eastern town of Habiganj, which had been free from the current floods.

Sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a famine threat loomed because of the massive disorder in Bangladesh's economy and transportation system, rather than a food shortage.

But sources said there is a real danger the floods may prevent the planting of winter crops — due right now — which provides employment to millions of people.

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Pakistan downs Afghan warplane

ISLAMABAD, Sept 7. (AP): A Pakistan jet fighter shot down an intruding Afghan warplane today, Defence Ministry spokesman said.

Several Afghan aircraft intruded into Pakistani territory but were spotted by a two-plane Pakistan Air Force patrol, said the spokesman, who cannot be named according to government rules.

He declined to identify the make of the plane, but other sources said the warplane was possibly a MiG-23.

There was no word on the pilot's fate.

The spokesman said the plane was shot down at Nawagai, 120 miles (192 kilometres) northwest of Islamabad and 12 miles (19 kilometres) inside the Pakistani territory.

Earlier today, Defence Minister Mahmood Haroon said Pakistan was trying to acquire the

latest airborne warning system to counter the intruding Afghan planes, saying the government "does not take these Afghan incursions lightly."

In a separate incident, Afghan aircraft bombed three Pakistani villages today, a police spokesman said. The aircraft dropped 10 bombs, injuring three people. The bombs hit the villages of Shago Khas, Girokhawar and Dauda Pahar, 140 miles (224 kilometres) northwest of Islamabad and 20 miles (32 kilometres) inside Pakistani territory.

Raid

The United States condemned a bomb attack by Afghanistan on Dogai village in Northwestern Pakistan in which two people were killed and 10 injured.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said the raid by eight Soviet-made bombers was conducted on Monday.

It was the fourth Afghan-Soviet aircraft lost over Pakistan territory since the Afghan war

began in 1978.

The Defence Ministry spokesman said that when the Pakistani aircraft chased the Afghan warplanes, they immediately turned back toward their country. Some dropped their extra fuel tanks and bombs, which fell over two villages close to Nawagai and injured four people, he said.

Today was Pakistan Air Force Day, which commemorates this country's 1965 war with India. It apparently was one of the reasons that Pakistani aircraft were particularly vigilant.

A Pakistan F-16 shot down a Soviet SU-25 on Aug 4 near the Afghan border. The Soviet pilot, Col Alexander Vladimirovich Rudskoi, was captured, but was handed over to the Soviet embassy in Islamabad on Aug 17.

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Musavi withdraws resignation

NICOSIA, Sept 7. (Agencies): Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hossein Musavi has withdrawn his resignation after direct intervention from the nation's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini to stop political intrigues.

IRNA reported today that Musavi, who has served as prime minister since 1981, withdrew his resignation in a letter to Khomeini last night.

Khomeini earlier delivered a blunt rebuke to Musavi, telling him it was not time for hickering and he could not quit office.

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Larijani denied today there was a crisis in the Iranian government but acknowledged that internal strains could lead to a new lineup in Tehran.

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Official estimates said more than 1,200 people have died in the floods, while the government placed the toll at 650.

Electricity has been severely disrupted, more than \$1 billion in damage done to irrigation systems and flood control projects destroyed.

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Uprising leaders urge solidarity with Arafat

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept 7. (Agencies): Underground leaders of a nine-month old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip have begun urging mass support for PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

A new communiqué to residents, the 25th from the "unified leadership of the uprising," was the first that Palestinians could recall which identified Arafat, leader of the PLO, by name.

The leaflet was issued in Jerusalem yesterday as troops conducted a 24-hour house-to-house search through the Arab town of Kalkilya, a flashpoint of West Bank unrest. Soldiers arrested more than 190 Palestinian residents. A senior Army officer said a curfew would remain indefinitely.

The new communiqué urged solidarity with Arafat and his forces to win support for the Palestinians from Europe, whose representatives he is due to address at the European Parliament in Strasbourg this month.

Rebuked

It praised UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar for a statement after meeting Arafat that spoke of the people of Palestine. Israeli officials rebuked Perez de Cuellar over the statement.

The leaflet urged support for UN control of the occupied territories until Israel withdraws and talks begin on a permanent solution. The leaders also offered conciliatory but critical comments about their Islamic religious rivals, Hamas.

A senior PLO leader Salah Khalaf has urged the movement

to take "an urgent, realistic political decision" about proclaiming an independent Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, a Kuwaiti newspaper said today.

Khalaf said in an interview that an "independent state" would "safeguard historical rights in Palestine through utilising international legitimacy."

Defining

He indicated that a decision on defining a Palestinian state could involve the PLO accepting UN Security Council Resolution 181, which envisages the creation of two states, one Arab and the other Jewish, in what was known as Palestine.

"This raises a question whether we have to remove Israel or accept it," he said. "The answer necessitates a political decision."

"A political decision should be taken. We have to answer the question, do we want a Palestinian state or not? It's high time to take such a decision," he stressed.

"We have no option but to take a key step that responds to the dictates of the Palestinian uprising and its continuation. Jordan's legal and administrative dissociation with the West Bank and the international detente which envisages solutions to regional problems."

Khalaf said

INTERNATIONAL

Reagan assails Democrats' defence policy

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, Sept 7 (AP): President Reagan accused the Democratic presidential ticket of harbouring a "Disneyland defence policy" that would strip the United States of military strength and threaten advances in arms control.

Reagan yesterday used some of his harshest rhetoric in weeks to attack opponents of Vice-President George Bush, the Republican Party's nominee to the upcoming presidential election. Reagan made his comments in a speech to a national convention of the American Legion, which is a group of veterans.

Clear
Reagan never mentioned presidential nominee Michael Dukakis by name, but he made clear he thinks the Massachusetts governor embodies the "liberal ideology of decline and retreat" and leads a party that has shown "remarkable passivity" and "unbelievable indecisiveness" in defence matters while it controlled the White House.

The President attempted to paint Dukakis as being inexperienced in world and military affairs, while hoping to woo into Bush's corner those conservative Democrats who twice had voted for Reagan's own "peace through strength" stand.

Reagan charged the Democrats with promoting a "hit list" of cancellations and delays for projects such as the MX missile, the B-1 bomber, the Trident submarine missile and the Stealth bomber.

Dukakis, however, has said he supports the advanced D-5 Trident missile and continued development of the Stealth bomber, so-called because of its ability to escape radar detection.

Rebuilding

The President also accused the Democrats of planning to start "a unilateral US moratorium on underground nuclear testing and a ban on flight testing of missiles."

Reagan said: "Yes, it comes down to this: After eight hard years of rebuilding America's strength, do we really want to return to a Disneyland defence policy — with Mickey Mouse treatment of our men and women in uniform, Goofy strategic plans and Donald Duck-like lectures telling us that whatever goes wrong is our own blanket-blank fault?" Reagan asked.

Disneyland amusement parks showcase the cartoon characters Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Goofy.

Reagan contended that even the Soviets might prefer his own approach to that of any Democrat.

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Spacemen bestowed with Soviet honours

Stranded cosmonauts return safely to earth

MOSCOW, Sept 7, (AP): Two cosmonauts landed safely on earth early today after guidance system malfunctions twice forced them to abort their descent, trapping them in orbit as air supplies dwindled, Soviet news reports said.

Tass said the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the nation's top executive body, quickly awarded Lyakhov the Order of the October Revolution and Mohammad the title hero of the Soviet Union and the Order of Lenin, three of the highest honours bestowed by the Soviet government. Lyakhov now holds all three awards.

Impatience
Both cosmonauts feel fine after the landing, Tass said.

Radio Moscow said physicians found the men "in good health."

Assistance

Soviet news reports had heightened the suspense, saying life support systems aboard the capsule would last just two days, which would have put the 29-year-old Afghan Air Force pilot and 47-year-old Soviet military officer in jeopardy tomorrow morning.

"If they cannot make the burn tonight (Wednesday), to push them back into the atmosphere, they will probably only live another 24 to 48 hours before the carbon dioxide building in the capsule will kill them," James Oberg, a US expert on the Soviet space programme, told the Associated Press.

United States officials said they had volunteered help but the Soviets declined, saying no assistance was needed.

Deng hopes Bush will win

BELING, Sept 7, (Reuters): China's elder statesman Deng Xiaoping surprised US guests today by saying he hoped his "old friend" George Bush would win the presidential election in November.

"Please convey my greetings to President Reagan and Vice-President Bush when you return home," Deng told Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci in the Great Hall of the People, as reporters looked on.

"Both of them are my old friends. Vice-President Bush used to be Mr. Lord's predecessor so we had a lot of contacts. I hope he will be victorious in the elections," said Deng.

Carlucci, US Ambassador Winthrop Lord and other delegation members burst into laughter, eliciting a chuckle from Deng who then lit up one of his favourite cigarettes.

Apparently taken aback by Deng's outspoken declaration of support for Bush, Carlucci quickly changed the subject, saying he was the fourth US Secretary of Defense to visit China and that the two countries had a solid military relationship.

Human rights rock concert

BUDAPEST, Sept 7, (Reuters): Senior Hungarian and Soviet officials joined thousands of rock fans in Budapest last night for the East Bloc's first international concert in support of human rights.

About 80,000 people, mostly Hungarians and visitors from Czechoslovakia, Poland and Austria, sang, clapped and cheered into the early hours of this morning as the Western rock stars urged them to campaign for civil liberties.

"I hope you know about your own human rights, that you tell your government about them, and about your rights as individuals," British singer-songwriter Tracy Chapman shouted to the crowd.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov, Hungarian Interior Minister Istvan Horvath and Communist Party Politburo member Janos Berecz attended the event, the official MTI news agency said.

The seven-hour concert, featuring international stars Bruce Springsteen, Sting, Peter Gabriel and Chapman, was the third in a six-week world tour to mark the 40th anniversary of the universal declaration of human rights.

No one dared contradict Beria and Stalin was unattended until



Commander Vladimir Lyakhov (right) and research cosmonaut Abdul Ahad Mohmand (left) seen smiling after they had safely returned to earth. (Reuters wirephoto)

Corrupt officials kept him in power for six more years

Brezhnev 'clinically dead' in 1976

MOSCOW, Sept 7, (Reuters): Kremlin leader Leonid Brezhnev suffered clinical death in January 1976 but was revived and ruled to a virtual dictatorship for six more years, a Soviet historian said today.

The historian, Roy Medvedev, said Brezhnev was largely kept in power by corrupt officials in his entourage who knew they were safe while he remained as President and Communist Party General Secretary.

Medvedev, who was expelled from the party under Brezhnev but has now emerged as a leading reformist historian, said the former Kremlin chief was a "weak-willed man with a weak character..."

Churbanov, went on trial in Moscow this week accused of involvement in a huge corruption scandal and other officials who flourished under him have also been sacked or arrested.

Churbanov, has been indicted for accepting more than \$1 million in bribes from officers in Uzbekistan who used his influence to obtain favours for themselves.

His wife, Galina Brezhnev, has not yet shown herself in court but is due to testify at the trial, marked by dramatic complaints of illness by several of the eight former top Uzbek policemen in the dock with Churbanov.

Dismissal

"He was like a god for us,"

were the words used to court to describe Salim Sabirov, former police chief in the Khorezmsky region of Uzbekistan. "His word for us was law," the indictment went on, quoting one of

Sabirov's subordinates.

The court heard that Uzbek officials faced dismissal if they refused to give bribes. As the trial opened, Churbanov was quoted

Grenade launched at Karachi oil terminal

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KARACHI, Sept 7, (UPI): Unknown assailants fired a rocket-propelled grenade today at an oil terminal in the southern port of Karachi, hitting a tank of molasses and exploding in a blast that caused little damage and no casualties, officials and witnesses said.

The witnesses said a car stopped at about 6:20 am at the terminal in the port area of Pakistan's largest city. They said a number of men got out and launched the grenade at the facility.

Officials said the grenade hit a tank of molasses and exploded but there was no further damage and no casualties. Molasses, which is exported, is often stored at oil terminals in the country.

Previous

The incident followed similar attacks that caused minor damage to two oil refineries on Aug 18, the day after President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq died in a plane crash.

A bomb explosion at a railway station in Karachi on Sunday wounded 12 people.

Officials have blamed other bomb blasts in the city and in areas near the Afghan border in recent years on agents of the Afghan government seeking to destabilise Pakistan for its support of Muslim guerrillas fighting to keep food dry and for use as shelters and \$25 million in cash for the President's Relief Fund.

Bangladesh has also received pledges of immediate aid from Japan, Pakistan (Rs 10 million), Britain (\$500,000), Australia (\$300,000), Bhutan and United Nations aid organisations. The International Red Cross has appealed for \$3.5 million to provide food and other emergency supplies.

President's rule imposed on Mizoram

NEW DELHI, Sept 7, (AP): The government imposed direct federal rule and dissolved the legislature in the northeastern state of Mizoram, news reports said.

The government ordered so-called President's rule in an effort to end a 10-day-old political crisis sparked by a rebellion within the ruling Mizo National Front, a former guerrilla movement, the United News of India said.

Eight disaffected members defected to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party on Aug 29, leaving the government of Chief Minister Lalendran in a minority in the 40-member state legislature, the news agency said.

Mizoram is the fourth state to be placed under President's Rule.

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Troops given orders to shoot anarchists

Looting breaks out in Rangoon

RANGOON, Sept 7, (Agencies): Looting and violence spread in Rangoon today and the embattled government ordered soldiers to shoot people ransacking factories and warehouses.

Radio Rangoon, virtually the only state organ still under the control of the government, broadcast a warning that from today morning looters would be shot.

The radio said soldiers would not interfere with peaceful demonstrations.

Meanwhile, the United States said yesterday that the aspirations of the Burmese people for democracy should be met soon.

"There is complete anarchy here," one Western diplomat said. "There is looting going on all over town."

Another diplomat reported looting near the university in the northwestern part of the city.

A resident contacted by telephone said the customs warehouse in the main business district had been ransacked, but this could not be confirmed by authoritative sources.

For the first time in months of anti-government demonstrations, often marked by mayhem and killings, fear filled the voices of the diplomats as they spoke to reporters on the telephone.

Libya is major source of arms for IRA, says US

WASHINGTON, Sept 7, (UPI): The State Department has labelled Libya as the major source of arms and explosives for the Irish Republican Army and said continued Libyan support for such terrorism rules out any improvement in relations with the United States.

Spokesman Charles Redman commented on an interview with Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy in the Washington Post yesterday, in which the Libyan leader said that he expected an improvement in US-Libyan relations after the Reagan administration ends.

Redman said that any improvement in relations with Libya is impossible because of Libya's support for international terrorism.

The US spokesman said that it

One spoke of embassy staff erecting barricades of sharpened spikes to protect a rice store near their mission from marauding crowds.

Such barricades were going up throughout the city as people desperately tried to protect their lives and property, they said.

One diplomat said he had heard reports that the warehouses of Western aid agencies were under attack, including operations run by West Germany, the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation and the UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

These reports could not be confirmed. The phone at UNICEF was not answered.

Evacuation

A US embassy official contacted by telephone said arrangements were being made to evacuate about 75 dependents of embassy staff "as a precautionary measure."

Plans, however, were not yet definite, he said, because of word that tomorrow's international flights to the Burmese capital would be cancelled.

The official, who asked not to be named, said the embassy will continue to be fully manned. The official said several other embas-

sies in Rangoon had similar plans, but this could not be confirmed.

The Radio Rangoon announcement said: "Unscrupulous people are resorting to violence, breaking into and looting factories and warehouses where public property is stored."

Hence, in accordance with their duties to protect and safeguard public property the defence forces and the people's police shall open fire to impose control should they find that these people continue their acts."

The authorities issued the order to shoot on the eve of a planned demonstration to start a nation-wide general strike set to last until the fall of the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party, which has led the country through 26 years of increasing poverty and political repression.

"This matter does not concern those people who are demonstrating peacefully," the radio announcement said, just hours before an opposition deadline for the resignation of President Maung Maung.

Last night, Aung San Suu Kyi, one of the emerging leaders of the opposition, accused military intelligence officers of paying thugs to destabilise the city. Patrols of monks and students

have been trying to maintain public order in the absence of police.

She said the officers were linked to Sein Lwin, who ruled for only 18 days in late July and early August when diplomats said 3,000 people were killed in Rangoon alone after soldiers were ordered to open fire on demonstrators.

Diplomats said that while there may be agents provocateurs afoot in the city, most of the looters were motivated by hunger and poverty.

"There are many, many very poor people in this city and it does not take much to get them to plunder," a diplomat said.

Spokesman Charles Redman told reporters that the United States is not prescribing specific solutions for Burma. The country has been wracked by weeks of demonstrations and turmoil and a rapid change of political leadership.

Redman said: "We have been impressed by the strong desire among many Burmese for an early restoration of a multi-party democracy. In these circumstances, we believe the important thing is that the aspirations of the Burmese people for greater freedom and democracy be met soon."

Shamir vows to crush uprising

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept 7, (UPI): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, kicking off the right-wing Likud party's election campaign, has said that Israel will not give up the West Bank and Gaza Strip and promised to use force to crush the Palestinian uprising.

He also vowed to block the creation of a Palestinian state.

The Likud will carry on massive settlements of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) and Gaza until everyone can see that we are here to stay," Shamir told more than 3,000 cheering supporters at a standing-room only rally in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'ouma Centre.

"Israel is here to stay," Shamir added.

"The Likud will use force to stop the violence (in the territories) and use the Army and security services to deal with terror," Shamir said.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation is under pressure to fill the vacuum left by Jordan's

King Hussein when he dropped all claims to the West Bank in July. A possible PLO move would be the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state in the occupied lands or the creation of a government in exile.

Shamir pledged that, if re-elected, he would immediately "invite the leaders of Egypt and Jordan and Palestinians in Judea and Samaria and Gaza to negotiate directly for peace on the basis of the Camp David agreements" which call for limited Palestinian autonomy.

He said the talks would be conducted without preconditions. "Each side will be able to raise any issue as long as we don't stop talking until all possibilities for peace have been exhausted," he said.

Shamir said the nine-month-old Palestinian uprising has not changed his mind about the need to negotiate autonomy.

Call for probe into Aquino family's wealth

MANILA, Sept 7, (UPI): Vice-President Salvador Laurel, leader of a new opposition coalition, called today for a "Watergate-style" probe into how President Corazon Aquino's family gained control of a \$6.5 million financial empire.

Authorities, meanwhile, released the embargoed text of a news conference, in which Aquino promised to consult Laurel and his new allies on a treaty determining of the future of strategic US military bases.

Laurel, who had been flirting with the right-wing opposition for a year, formally assumed the leadership last month of the Union for National Action, whose members include Aquino's opponent, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, and former aides of deposed President Ferdinand Marcos.

Citing press reports and other sources, Laurel charged at a Rotaract Club luncheon that Aquino's brother-in-law, Ricardo "Baby" Lopa, acted just six days after Aquino came to power in February 1986 to take over 39 companies formerly owned by a Marcos associate.

Moving in shortly before a presidential commission was to have sequestered the companies, Lopa paid only \$250,000 for the financial empire valued at \$6.5 million, Laurel claimed.

Palme persuaded Rajiv to buy arms

LONDON, Sept 7, (AP): Olof Palme, the assassinated Swedish prime minister, lobbied the Indian government to purchase £800 million (\$1.36 billion) worth of artillery during a peace conference in 1986, a television programme claimed.

The meeting took place sometime during an international conference on disarmament in New Delhi in January 1986, according to "First Tuesday"

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Rajiv rejected advice from Indian military experts to purchase rival French-manufactured cannon and awarded the contract to Bofors AB, Sweden's largest arms maker.

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KUWAIT ... GULF

Syria refuses to support Iraq's waterway claim

BAGHDAD, Sept 7. (Agencies): Syria today refused to join other Arab information ministers in backing Iraq's claim to the waterway at the heart of the eight-year-long Gulf war.

The ministers ended a two-day meeting with a statement which pledged to oppose any Iranian attempt to undermine "Iraq's historical right to sovereignty over the Shatt Al Aran since it is Iraq's only maritime outlet to the Gulf."

The official Iraq News Agency (INA) said Syria, represented by an information ministry under-secretary, reserved the right not to accept the statement.

Warned

Syria and Iraq are longtime ideological and political rivals, and relations were strained to breaking point when Syria sided with non-Arab Iraq in the war.

Peace talks between Iraq and Syria in Geneva, to expand a ceasefire into permanent peace have stalled, mainly on the dis-

puted sovereignty over the waterway.

Tehran insists its 1975 agreement with Baghdad giving Iran claim to half the waterway still stands. Iraq tore up the agreement before going to war in Sept 1980.

Iran has infuriated Baghdad by insisting it has the right to search Iraqi vessels entering and leaving the Gulf, despite the ceasefire which ended attacks on ships from both sides.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, in a speech to the ministers last night, warned that the war will flare up again if Iran seizes any Iraqi ship.

"If one Iraqi ship is searched it means war breaks out," he told the ministers.

Solidarity

INA said today two merchant ships, one Panamanian and one Cypriot-flagged, sailed into the Gulf from southern Iraqi ports after being trapped in the Shatt for eight years.

The information ministers

hailed Iraq's victories in the war and urged in the quest for lasting peace.

The Arab ministers reiterated their solidarity with Iraq in defending its sovereignty and independence.

They also urged Arabs to fight any attempts to obstruct the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 598 or any efforts to favour Iraq at the expense of Iraq's right of sovereignty over the Shatt Al Aran waterway.

The ministers also proposed a joint media campaign for boosting the Palestinian uprising which endures attacks on ships from both sides.

The ministers called for continued support to the Palestinian revolution at Arab and international levels.

The participants also called for helping Lebanon overcome its current ordeal and achieve independence as an Arab country.

According to Iraq News Agency, the Syrian delegation expressed reservations about the final statement.

The council also called for a unified strategy for Arab information activities abroad.

Meanwhile, in remarks published yesterday in a Saudi magazine "Ukaz" Kuwaiti Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad said the ministers were expected to discuss ways of benefiting from the Arab satellite (ARABSAT) to activate the exchange of television programmes among Arab countries.

The Kuwaiti minister came home today. He led Kuwait's delegation to the 23rd session of the conference.

In a statement to Kuwait News

Agency, he said that the resolutions adopted by the conference are practical and realistic. He also expressed hope that the resolutions will help realize the development of information systems to cope with technological advances.

Sheikh Jaber said he appreciated the efforts by information undersecretaries and experts at the Permanent Committee for Information whose preparations for the conference ensured its success.

Sheikh Jaber also hailed the efforts exerted by the Iraqi Information Ministry which provided all facilities for the conference.

He also thanked to the Iraqi

Minister of Culture and Information, whose efforts reflected the spirit of Arab solidarity and joint Arab action.

The minister highlighted the role played by Kuwait during the conference and stressed that Kuwait will continue to work for implementation of all resolutions and recommendations.



Kuwait's Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah comes home after attending the Arab Information Ministers Conference in Baghdad.

Higher education minister appointed

KUWAIT yesterday appointed its first Minister of Higher Education, 43-year-old Ali Abdullah Al Shamlan, the official news agency KUNA reported.

Minister of Education Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri has held the job on a temporary basis since it was created in a cabinet reshuffle last January.

Al Shamlan, was born in Kuwait in 1945. He was a teacher at Kuwait University since 1973 and was promoted to dean of the science faculty.

Member

In 1985 Al Shamlan was nominated to be the director of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences. He is also an active member of other Arab and international scientific organisations.

He is married with one child.

The Amiri decree announcing



Ali Shamlan
Al Shamlan's appointment also stipulated that State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed will carry out the assignments of Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi during the latter's trip abroad.

18 carriers of AIDS deported

KUWAIT has deported 18 foreigners carrying the killer disease AIDS, the health minister told a local newspaper yesterday.

The paper gave no further details about the foreigners. It quoted Health Minister Abdul Razzak Yousef Al Abdulla Razak as saying four Kuwaiti nationals carrying AIDS are under medical supervision.

Kuwait, an Arab state with foreigners making up almost 60 percent of its 1.8 million population, introduced AIDS testing for immigrant workers last March.

A national committee formed to combat AIDS decides whether or not those coming from contaminated areas like Thailand and the Philippines undergo AIDS tests, the minister said.

Tradition gives way to technology

BAHRAIN, Sept 7. (Reuter): A centuries-old Muslim tradition of spotting the crescent with the naked eye to define lunar months is to give way to modern technology.

Saudi Arabia's top Islamic theologians have ruled that telescopes may be used, and a royal decree has ordered observation posts set up across the kingdom, the Jeddah-based Arab News reported today.

Oslo sightings of the moon have often conflicted, causing confusion for crucial dates affecting millions of Muslims, such as the start of the fasting month of Ramadan and the annual pilgrimage to Makkah, Islam's holiest shrine.

Interior council

KUWAIT'S Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem received yesterday the Secretary-General of the Arab Interior Ministers Council, Dr Akram Nashat Ibraheem. The meeting was attended by several high-ranking officials from Kuwait's Interior Ministry.

School will reopen as scheduled

ISP sponsor asserts his right

(Continued from Page 1)

dispute or violation of the law and held responsible for the assets and liabilities of the school."

Decisions

So far, the ISP's administrative decisions are taken by the present board of governors, whose term continues till the election of the new board, which will take place in September, according to a press release issued by the ISP's current chairman of the board, Zahid Said, who is also Pakistan's Ambassador to Kuwait.

The press release, issued earlier this week, also stated that the (school) "account is in the name of ISP" and cheques were operated by two members of the finance committee of the board.

It also claims that "the embassy is in no way involved with accounts except (when) the government of Pakistan makes a financial contribution to the school."

Al Sharrah expressed hopes for "more co-operation between all concerned parties and the sponsor, who is legally held responsible 'in case of a dispute.'

"Any private school, be it Arash, Pakistani, English or Indian, should allow the principal to be the best judge of the day-to-day requirements and academic matters." "We don't expect a sponsor to evaluate the academic standard of students at his school, but we expect him to know the outcome of results and be involved in a school's other aspects," Al Sharrah said.

Defining the role of the sponsor further, Al Sharrah said: "Academic matters are the sole responsibility of the principal, and as such there must be rapport between a sponsor and a principal."

Approved

Asked if the ISP's constitution, recently approved by that school's board, was valid, Al Sharrah said: "We don't interfere in the internal affairs of a school. As long as the management feels there is a need for rules for day-to-day needs —

recruitment of teachers, academic matters such as examinations — and if such rules benefit students and don't contradict our regulations, we accept them," he said.

Al Hufeti said he does not "approve of the present school constitution."

Asked to comment on an agreement between the ISP's sponsor and the previous Pakistani ambassador, Al Hufeti said: "It was a letter of acknowledgement of my services rendered to the school, given by the previous ambassador of Pakistan."

The ISP board of governors' press release expresses fears that the school could be turned into a "profit-making organisation."

Al Hufeti claimed that he has not "taken any money from the school for the last eight years" and insisted that he has no intention of running the school for financial benefits.

Reassured

The sponsor reassured parents that he will not "allow my differences with the embassy to affect the reopening of the school."

"I don't want children to suffer because of our differences," he stressed.

Al Sharrah described the ISP as an institution which is serving the Pakistani community's children.

"Minor problems are no excuse to deprive the children of their right to education," he said.

"Difficulties arise at all private schools, which are suitably resolved by my department, keeping in mind the interests of students," he said.

He assured parents that "everything has been done to resolve the issues at ISP and there is nothing to worry about."

Al Sharrah said the school's reopening was postponed by a week (it was due to open on Sept 3) due to the delay in arrival of newly recruited teachers from Pakistan.

The ISP's board of governors have said the school's present vice-principal, Musarrat Azhar, will look after affairs until the arrival of the new principal.

Al Hufeti said he appreciated the ambassador's assistance in recruiting "qualified staff, including the principal" and reiterated his willingness to seek the embassy's assistance in such matters.

SOS-7 could answer cries for help in parched lands

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Sept 7. (Reuter): On a barren, sandy coast in Arabia, parched plants are desperate for water — yet farmers pray it will not rain.

Instead, they yearn in sea water a unique plant called SOS-7 which scientists hope will relieve famine in parts of the world where fresh water is scarce.

"We are the only farmers who are not happy to see rain," James Riley, a University of Arizona scientist, told Reuters.

SOS-7 could be ideal for places in Africa, for example, where water could be pumped from the sea or where the water inland is brackish," Riley said.

"We see this as the next wave of the green revolution," he said, referring to huge yields of improved wheat and other crops achieved in the 1960s. "The benefits could be just as big."

Riley, now based in Kuwait, has headed a four-year-old project at Kalba on the east coast of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to develop SOS-7, a green crop adapted from seaweed-like plants that live naturally along coastlines in the Americas.

Fresh water harms SOS-7 and a cloudburst early this year probably reduced the crop harvested in July — 35 tonnes from 12,125 hectares (31 acres).

SOS-7 — its full name is Salicornia Oilseed Selection number seven — can be grown using cheap and simple farming techniques, Riley said.

Riley said a project similar to Kalba is underway in Mexico and others will be set up in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

Headed that farmers hope to shorten the time from planting to harvesting to six months from seven.

Scientists are also experimenting with other kinds of salt-loving plants, Riley said.

The Kalba farm, funded by Sharjah emirate, plans to settle its own sheep on SOS-7 to convince other sheep farmers in the UAE of the benefits of the new crop.

Riley said SOS-7 growing could be combined efficiently with saltwater fish-farming. Waste water from the fish farm would be used to irrigate the crop.

Hesaid the seed oil is of higher quality than soybean oil and the Mexican farm is already selling it at similar prices.

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7/T250	Flanges	KD. 2/-	10.9.88
7/T251	Stainless Steel Pipes	KD. 2/-	10.9.88

Tender documents can be purchased from the office of HPPC Secretary at KNPC Head Office as from above noted issuing date.

Copters may be used to control school traffic

THE General Traffic Department will work to ensure the smooth flow of traffic during the beginning of the school year. Colonel Salem Al Roumi, acting director-general said.

If necessary, the department will use helicopters from the Ministry of Defence to control the flow of traffic on Saturday the first day at many schools.

The department is studying purchasing a specialised helicopter and building a helipad at its exclusive use. Al Roumi added.

Officials study Concorde offer

KUWAIT'S Civil Aviation Authorities are considering permitting Concorde planes to operate in Kuwait, according to the Authority's Director Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Abdullah Al Ahmed.

Concorde owners have submitted their terms for operating to and from Kuwait.

The offer's technical and commercial aspects are being studied by the authorities.

Kuwait airport has adequate facilities to accommodate the Concorde.

Two arrested in foiled plot to kidnap 5-year-old girl

SHARJAH, Sept 7. (Agencies): United Arab Emirates police arrested two Irishmen accused of kidnapping a 5-year-old girl born to a Jordanian father and an Irish mother, police said.

The suspects, who were hired by the divorced mother, managed to execute the initial part of the plot and planned to flee the country with the child.

The men, brandishing toy guns, stormed the house of the father and his new Filipino bride in Khor Fakkan here at 11 pm last night. They gagged the couple and tied them. Then they drove away in a rented car with the girl, Nadine.

The Khaleej Times reported Wednesday that the girl agreed to go with the men.

Awarded

The father was able to untie himself and, calling the police who arrested the suspects on their way to the airport.

Primary inquiries indicated that Nadine had a dual Irish-Jordanian nationality and was living with her mother in Sharjah.

Both courses last 12 weeks. Applications will be accepted later this month.

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EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

EDUCATION

Darul Quran
Registration has begun for the first year Arabic language and Islamic teaching classes, which start on Sept 17, at the Darul Quran, Farwaniya. Free tuition. Medium of instruction is Urdu. Open to expatriates from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Contact the principal at Darul Quran, Farwaniya, personally, or phone on 4730355 on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm.

British Council
The education adviser at the British Council, Mansouriya, will give a talk on "Bachelor Degrees in Britain" on Monday, Sept 12, and Tuesday, Sept 13, from 6 pm. For further details phone: Mrs. Kate Harris on 571-5512/253-3204.

MUSIC

Concert Recital
German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin will give a recital at the Kuwait Hilton on Oct 19. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

Sounds Great
Auditions will be held on Sept 15-17 for singers and dancers for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Salmaiyah cinema on Oct 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adil 5740256/7 or 5758870.

Indian Ballet
Nirthasav, a dance troupeled by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs. Prameela Surendran, will stage a ballet, Panchavati, and a number of Nirthasipas at its annual show, Nirthasav, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7:00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 437608.

East meets West

The Indian Arts Circle presents "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams featuring Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. The lead vocalist will be Susan Rego. It will be held at IAC, Finalites, at 6:30 pm on Oct 6. Entry by passes. Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC - 2004817 or 4743948. **Bass Show**

The Kuwait Bass Show will be held on Oct 14, 3:30 pm, at the IAC, Finalites. The four-hour show will feature six popular groups — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Soul, and Dimension.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Ahliah Pharmacy
Souk Muttiheda, Fahad Al Salem St.
Al Sharq Al Jedid Pharmacy
Opp. Science Museum,
Safat Market
Hawalli and Nogra
Al Najaif Pharmacy
Block 6, Maryam Yusuf
Sadiq Bldg, St. 63, Hawalli
Salimya and Ramathiya
Al Rashed Pharmacy
Anza St
Fahad and Ahmad
Burgan Pharmacy
Souk Sabah, Fheel
Farwaniya
Al Yasmine Pharmacy
Jara, Commercial Centre,
No. 1, Main St.
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
New Market

CINEMA TODAY

FRIDAY
Al Andalus
Deadly Friend
Starring: Christi Swanson
Al Sahays
Action Jackson
Starring: Carol Wades

Al Hamra
Valley Girl
Starring: Elizabeth Daley
Drive-in

Al Police Al Nisai (Arabic)
Starring: Alham Shabir, Hala Sudqi, Dalal Abdinlazziz
Al Firdous

Saazish (Hindi)
Starring: Mithun Chakraborty, Dimple Kapadia, Raj Kumar
Fabahel Open-Air
Mahaveera (Hindi)

Al Fahheel
Lakhi Badhu (Bengali)

Al Jahra
Al Fuloso Wal Wohosb
(Arabic)

Granada
Secret Admirer

Subalikhat
Oru Minnamunminginte
Nurungu Vettam (Malayalam)

Al Jeeb
Mardon Wali Baat (Hindi)
Ahmed Drive-in
Al Abb Sharayi (Arabic)

Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. The show has been organised by the Kuwait Goans.

SOCIAL

Kuwait Players poolside BBQ
The Kuwait Players poolside barbecue will be held on Sept 21 (Wednesday) from 8 pm at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Tickets — KD2. All prospective members and newcomers to Kuwait are welcome. Tel: 3941572 for details.

Vacca Sporting Centre
Vacca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent, SAS hotel, on Sept 22 at 8:00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. For reservations and details, contact Roland 2430581 or James 5331940.

Welcome Back!
Welcome to Kuwait

The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait" dance party at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Sept 29 at 8 pm. Music by Top Ranks and the Juke Box band. Twist competition, and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adil 5740256/7 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

THEATRE

Auditions for KLT's production, Two and Two make Six, a comedy directed by Stephen Prescott, will take place at 7 pm on Sept 12 (Monday) and Sept. 13 (Tuesday). Those interested are asked to go along for auditions at the Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmadi.

SPORTS

Feed the World
Sport Aid

Sport Aid '88 calling all runners/walkers to join the worldwide synchronised event to be held in Kuwait on Sunday, Sept 11. Start: Messilah Beach Hotel, 6 pm. Run or walk a minimum of one km or a maximum of 10 km. For details contact 562411 ext 751.

Sailing — KOSA Open Day
K.O.S.A. — the Kuwait Offshore Sailing Association — will hold an Open Day at Shaab Yacht Club on Friday, Sept 9, from 14:00 hours. Anyone interested in offshore sailing are invited to attend and enjoy an afternoon of sailing followed by a BBQ. For details contact John Waters or Frank Graham on tele: 5326145 or 2466848.

FRIDAY

Kuwait
Cairo Pharmacy
Tukhaim Bldg, Fahad Al Salem St.
Al Mojil Pharmacy
Al Mojil Bldg, Abdull Al Mubarak St.
Hawalli and Nogra
Al Zena Pharmacy
Ibn Khaldoon St, Nogra
Salimya and Ramathiya
Ibn Nafis Pharmacy
Humoud, Kalifa Al Humaidi Bldg, Hamad Al Mubarak St.
Fahad and Ahmad
Al Khaleej Pharmacy
Mujamma St, Fheel
Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
Opp. Co-operative Society
Jeeb Al Shiyyokh
Failaka Pharmacy
Main.

PRAYERS

Prayer	4.09 am
Fajr	11.45
Zehr	3.17 pm
Asr	6.01
Isha	7.19

FRIDAY

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Friday prayer	11.45
Asr	3.16 pm
Maghreb	5.59
Isha	7.18

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9.15 Good Morning
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10.15 8 Harat Al Bahar: daily serial
11.00 News-Summary followed by songs and music
11.15 Al Raheel Sabaya: local serial. Starring: Khalid Al Nafisi, Suad Abdullah, Ghaneem Al Saleh, Maryam Al Saleh, Ali Buraiqi
12.00 News Summary
12.15 Cultural Film
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
1.40 Fawazir Munasabat
2.15 Al Hanan Bain Yadaha: last episode
3.35 Heidi: cartoons
4.15 The Saint: featuring Roger Moore
5.00 Liqa Al Khamis: weekly roundup nf

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

local events
7.15 Al Furoniya Wal Zaman;
7.45 With Islam
8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab: Arabic serial
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Lil Hub Khissah Akhira: Arabic feature film, starring: Tahiya Karinka, Ma'ali Zayed, Ahmad Rateeb, Yahya Fakhri
11.45 Variety Show
12.45 Aghniya Mukhtara: variety show
1.30 News Summary
1.35 World News Via Satellite/
Holy Quran/Closedown
FRIDAY
9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
9.30 Space Adventures: cartoon serial
10.15 Al Saif Masknud: weekly serial finchil

dren
10.45 Al Kalimah Tayyibah: religious programme
11.15 Friday Prayer
12.25 Al Rida Wal Noor: religious show, hosted by Kariman Hamza

1.35 INTERVAL
2.00 Songs and Music
2.30 Hadith Deeni: weekly religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Sharawi

3.00 Znnrat Al Ayilah: Arabic drama, starring: Hassan Abideen, Majeda Al Khatib, Farouk Yusuf
5.45 Cartoons
7.00 Kuwait in a Week
7.30 Islamic Art in Morocco, prepared and presented by Adnan Al Ramhi

8.15 KTV Programmes

Preview
8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly talk on Islam
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Wrestling
10.50 Nasib: last episode of local serial, starring: Abdullah Huail, Maryam Saleh, Mohammad Jaber, Khalil Ismail. News Summary, followed by Haly Quran and Closedown.

KTV 2
6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: Cartoon series
6.30 Sesame Street: scientific, educational and recreational programme for children.
7.30 Full House: "The Miracle of Thanksgiving" The family celebrate Thanksgiving

ing...
8.00 News in English
8.40 High Mountain Rangers: "The Wild". The Rangers help a family reunite after they are chased away from their farm by wild bears.
9.30 I Married Dora: "Dora Steps Out". Will Dora accept an invitation from an elderly businessman and go nut with him? The Hit Squad: practical jokes, intrigues and sneaky hits captured by the hidden camera.
10.00 Late Night Movie: "I Saw What You Did." Starring: David Carradine, Candice Cameron and Shannen Smith.
12.00 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown
FRIDAY
2.00 Haly Quran
2.10 Cartoons

2.30 Sports Studio
6.00 Foo Fur: cartoons
6.30 Walt Disney Film
7.30 The Bay City Rollers Show: songs, humour and a short story for children
8.00 News in English
8.30 Summer '88
8.40 Once a Hero: Captain Justice leaves the forbidden zone and finds out that life is tough in the real world.
9.30 227: Sandra, Mary and other shoppers are taken hostage in a department store.
10.00 Guinness Records: more records are set — in eating oysters, piling dominoes, jumping and parachuting.
10.30 Tour of Duty: "The Good, the Bad and the Dead." A team member is court-martialed.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

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ARAB TIMES**Thought for today**

THERE is nothing so powerful as the truth, and often nothing so strange — Daniel Webster, US statesman (1782-1852).

Islamic movement takes a hard line

By Paul Taylor

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuter): A growing Islamic resistance movement in the Israeli-occupied territories has staked out a position more radical than the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) by rejecting any concession to Israel.

In an interview last week, senior Gaza Muslim leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassio said: "The PLO will give more and more concessions and under (Prime Minister Yitzhak) Shamir's government, Israel will give nothing and the Palestinians will gain nothing."

For decades, the Muslim Brotherhood concentrated on trying to transform Palestinian society along Islamic lines rather than fighting the Israelis.

Hamas was apparently born after the start of the current uprising as Islamic leaders realised they were losing support, particularly among the young, to more radical anti-occupation groups, such as Islamic Jihad.

Palestinians say that while Hamas is strong among Gaza's 50,000 residents, it has only pockets of support among the 850,000 West Bank residents, most of whom follow the PLO.

It enforced its first general strike in the West Bank last month in defiance of the largely secular underground United National leadership of the uprising, backed by the PLO. In some areas rival militants fought in the streets that day.

Some Palestinians are wary of Hamas because it has operated with relative impunity since the start of the uprising last December, while Israel has arrested thousands of secular nationalists and jailed them without trial.

"There is a feeling that the Israelis have not touched the Islamic movement, maybe even quietly encouraging it, in the hope of splitting the intifada (uprising)," a Palestinian journalist said. "People will continue to view Hamas with suspicion as long as the Israelis treat it as the Israelis treat it as their relatives," it says.

The covenant's rejection of Israel's existence may fuel the arguments of some left-wing Israelis who say that their leaders do not talk to PLO leaders today, they will have to deal with Islamic militants tomorrow.

It could also help to make the PLO seem conciliatory and moderate compared to the Muslim fundamentalists.

Many, however, will regard the covenant as further evidence

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Dear Junior Readers,

For the younger ones among you, the awful day has already passed, but for the rest, the horror of crawling out of bed at the crack of dawn, climbing sleepily into the bus and sitting trapped in one room for what seems like forever is yet to come. Yes...the first day of term is almost here!

Still, as I said a few weeks ago, look on the bright side. There will be no more long, boring days not knowing what to do, you will see old friends again and make some new ones too and, most important of all, you will start learning again.

So, make a resolution from the very first day to work hard and get as much as you can out of your school days.

Good luck to you all and I hope you have an interesting and successful term.

Auntie Jayne

Happy birthday,



Nadine El Kundi, pictured here with her doll Lopie, will celebrate her 4th birthday on 12th September. Happy birthday from Hani, Maria and Omar.

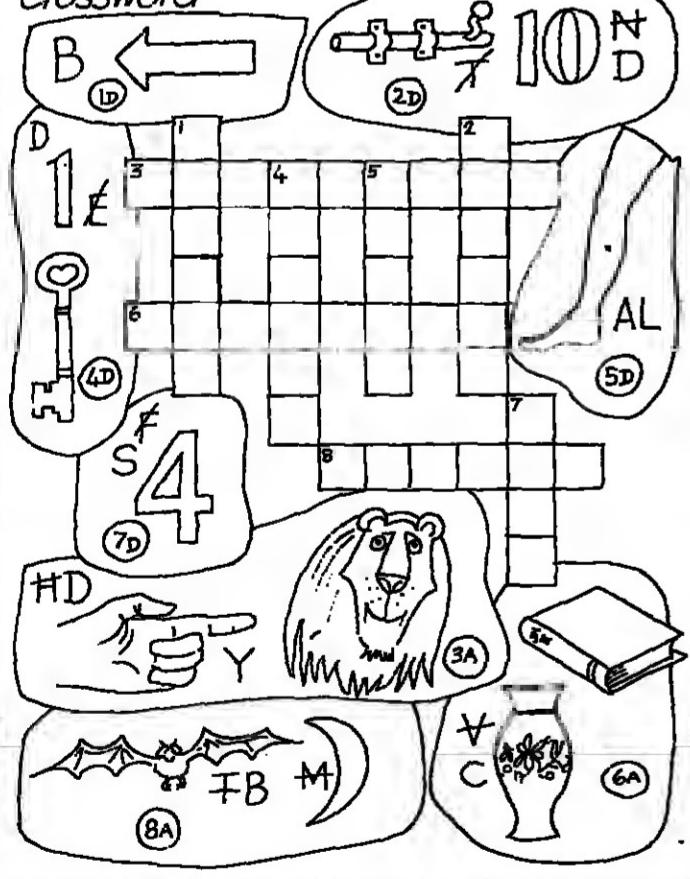
Solution to Tuesday's nature quiz

- Animals that eat dead things (carion)
- A part of a giant galaxy in the sky. It is made up of the sun, the planets and other heavenly bodies that revolve around the sun.
- The chlorophyll in plants acts as a catalyst in the presence of sunlight.
- A horse which has a coat of white hairs mixed with hairs of a solid colour.
- The branches grow close to the trunk and point sharply upwards.
- Fish need oxygen in order to live. There is some oxygen in water, but not enough to supply fish in large numbers in a limited area. The plants increase the supply, and help to keep the fish healthy.
- Male is either stag or buck; female is doe or hind.
- Flying insects, caught on the wing.
- The potato.
- Flax.
- Fish.
- (i) Antlers are the horn-like protuberances that deer have on their heads. (ii) Anthers are end portions of the stamens (that contain the pollen) in a flower.
- Supposed to be like a hare. Latin: Lepus — hare.
- A goat. Angora goat in present usage. Historically the stuff we now call mohair.
- The palinope is a web-footed bird.
- The whale (blue or sulphur-bottom whale.)
- Dawn.
- It can change colour to match its surroundings as a form of camouflage.
- The mongoose.
- The horse. It existed 50 million years ago. Changed through the processes of civilization. In Europe the animal (Equus) is called by its scientific name 'Hyracotherium', but the more picturesque synonym 'Edipus,' meaning 'dawn horse' continues in popular use.

Solution to 'Two into one': Fire engine; birdcage; paintbrush; tie pin; football; penknife; nailfile.

Solution to 'Tree trail': 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 59, 58, 57, 51, 52, 53, 54, 47, 46, 45, 44, 43, 36, 37, 38, 31, 30, 29, 22, 15, 16, 23, 24, 17, 18, 9, 8, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 13, 12, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 27, 26, 25, 32, 39, 40, 33, 34, 35, 42, 41, 48, 49, 56, 55, 62, 61, 68, 69, 70, 63.

Crossword



ONCE there was a rather nasty Giant who lived in the Tall Mountains. He used to come down from the mountains and stamp up and down outside the walls of the city nearby, ranting and roaring, swinging his great wooden club.

Of course this terrified the people of the city, and at the first signs of his coming they would flee indoors and crouch there trembling until he went away again. Before he went away the Giant would lean over the city wall and pick up great amounts of fruit and meat.

Once the Mayor of the city got up an army from the men, to fight the Giant. But when they marched out to face him, the Giant just bent down, gave a great puff and blew them all back into the city. His laughter that time was so loud it cracked some of the windows of the houses. Well, the people of the city were very unhappy, but there seemed to be nothing they could do.

There happened to be living in the city at that time a boy called Carlo. Now Carlo and his parents were afraid of the Giant, and when he came they would hide under their beds. But when he had gone Carlo would cheer his mother and father up by playing music on his silver flute. Carlo loved music and loved playing his flute. Most of all he loved to go up onto the roof of the

Carlo and the Giant from the Tall Mountains

house and play his flute in the sun.

One sunny day Carlo was doing just that when he heard a sudden roar from the streets below. Looking down he could see people running up and down; then he saw the Giant himself leaning over the wall right above him. Terrified, Carlo tried to hide behind the chimney pots. But it was too late ... the Giant had seen him!

"Oho!" a great roar made Carlo's ears tingle. Then a great finger came poking through the chimney pots. Then, quick as a flash, Carlo found himself plucked through the air. *Pluff!* He was dropped into the darkness of one of the Giant's pockets.

For some time Carlo was so frightened he just lay there in the darkness clutching his silver flute. Then he took courage and stood up. With a struggle he pushed his head through the flap.

The sight that met his eyes amazed him: the city and the fields lay far below, so small that he could cover them with his hands. The Giant was climbing the mountains to his cave! Terrified again, poor Carlo crouched back into the

pocket.

"Now then, out you come!" Carlo was whisked from the pocket and placed on the rim of a cup so large that all his family could have taken a bat in it. He sat there, shivering with fright, expecting the Giant to snap him into his mouth and crunch him up there and then. But nothing like that happened.

Carlo looked up into the great face. It really wasn't terrible, in fact it looked sad and unhappy.

"Can you talk to me?" said the Giant suddenly.

"Talk to you," said Carlo, full of surprise.

"Yes, I'm a very lonely fellow," the Giant said. "I never have a chance to talk to anybody. I just can't seem to make any friends."

At this Carlo jumped off the cup, filled with anger.

"Friends!" he shouted up to the Giant. "How dare you talk about making friends. Why do you come down to the city then, roaring and frightening everybody?"

The Giant covered his face with his hands. "Please don't shout at me. I don't like it," he said. "I only do those awful things because all Giants do them. That's what we do—

we frighten people!"

Splash! A huge teardrop hit the table, and Carlo had to jump back quickly to avoid getting soaked. The Giant was crying! Now Carlo started to feel sorry for him.

"All right, Giant," he said, "all right. I shouldn't have shouted at you, but you do terrify all the people in the city so!"

But the Giant went on weeping and the table began to get rather wet.

"I must stop him crying," Carlo pulled his silver flute from his pocket and began to play it.

At once the Giant stopped and looked down, his eyes and mouth wide open.

"Why, that's wonderful music," he got up and began to dance around the cave, humming the tune.

"Giant, you have lovely voice," shouted Carlo, who had a good ear for such things.

The Giant came back to the table.

"Have I really?" he said, his great face beaming. "Can you teach me to sing?"

"Of course I can," replied Carlo.

And so Carlo stayed at the Giant's cave for several days, teaching him all the



it all to Carlo," he said.

"The Giant is very sorry for all the trouble he has caused. He promises to leave the city in peace if you will let him come and sing and talk to you!" Carlo said.

The people cheered and shouted "Yes, Yes."

How happy everyone was, the Mayor, the Giant, Carlo and especially Carlo's parents to see their dear son safe and well. The city became very proud of its singing Giant, and Carlo became a famous man in the city.

Well, all this happened a very, very long time ago, but even today people who travel through the Tall Mountains sometimes hear the most beautiful sounds. I expect the Giant is still there somewhere, singing his beautiful songs.

Sort out the jumbled letters to find out what the chef is cooking.

Why the last two centuries were so important for scientific progress
IN the past 150 years the rate of human progress has increased enormously. There is not a single field of science and technology that has not been examined, extended or revised by the large-scale developments which have taken place during the past two centuries.

During the past few years and particularly since the conquest of the Moon, people no longer marvel at anything and show scarcely any interest in the ever-increasing flood of inventions. They are convinced that now nothing is impossible to the human mind with its ability to overcome all obstacles and solve all difficulties.

It will depend upon man's capacity for making the best use of the world's natural resources whether we shall have a peaceful life in future, but it will depend even more upon his wisdom whether these resources are to be used for the real progress of man and not for the total destruc-

The why of science

tion of man and his environment.

Why in future we shall have to purify sea water

The life of modern man calls for an ever increasing consumption of water. To take one example from industry: to build a single motorcar needs two and a half million litres of water.

The situation is just as surprising with regard to food: the maize plant absorbs an average of 200 litres of water for every kilo of seed it produces; for a loaf of bread 3,000 litres of water are required.

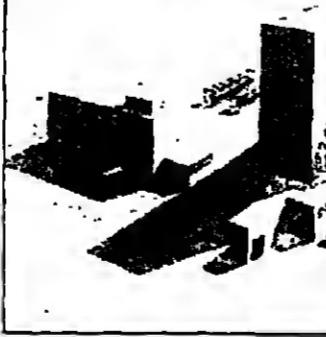
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Use the letters to make the names of two board games.



Lemon surprise pudding



Ingredients

1 packet lemon pie filling
2 eggs
1 small tin pineapple pieces
2 rounded tablespoonsfuls sugar (50g or 2 oz)

Equipment

Small pan
Wooden spoon
Whisk
Measuring jug
Metal spoon
2 ovenproof dishes
Mixing bowl
Tin opener

1. Put oven on at Gas Mark 4 (electricity 350°F/180°C).

2. Open tin of pineapple, place juice in a measuring jug and add water to make up to 250ml (1/2 pint).

3. Separate eggs. Place yolks and lemon pie filling in pan; place whites in mix-

ing bowl.

4. Add the 250ml (1/2 pint) mixed juice and water to the egg yolks.

5. Place pan on top of cooker and heat gently, stirring all the time, until the lemon mixture comes to the boil and thickens.

6. Add pineapple pieces to lemon sauce and stir well. Pour into the ovenproof dishes.

7. Whisk egg whites until they stand in soft peaks; add the sugar and fold in with metal spoon.

8. Spoon mixture on top of lemon sauce in dishes, working from the sides to the centre. Bring mixture up into peaks using the back of metal spoon.

9. Place dishes in the centre of the oven for 15 minutes until the peaks are golden brown. This pudding can be served hot or cold.

Ha! Ha!

What do seven days of dieting do?

They make one weak.

What did the doctor give the man for wind?

A kite.

Did you hear about the unlucky man who bought some bananas?

They were empty.

Can you help me out?

Yes, which way did you come in?

What goes 'Ho, ho, ho, plop'?

Santa Claus laughing his head off.

What kind of clothes did Cinderella wear?

Wish-and-wear clothes.

Why do ducks look sad?

When they preen their feathers they get down in the mouth.

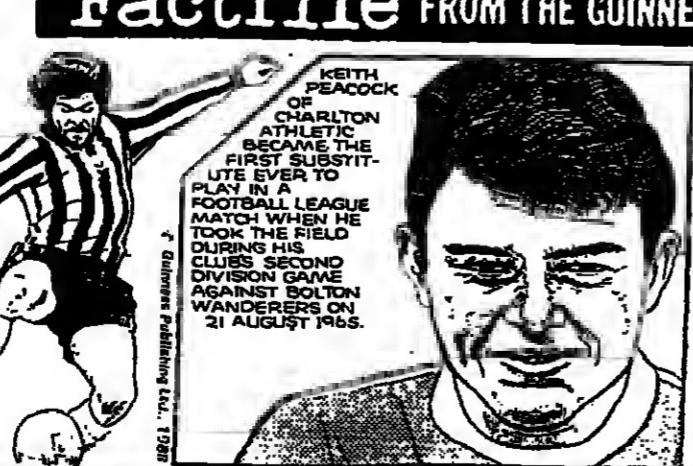
What do you get when you cross a hen with a poodle?

Pooched eggs.

What falls but never gets hurt?

Snow and rain.

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



THE FIRST PERSON TO PLAY FOR AND LATER MANAGE FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPION SHREWDENHURST SIDES WAS TED DAVIS, WHO PLAYED IN ARSENAL'S TITLE WINNING SIDES OF 1933-4, 1934-5 AND 1935-6, AND THEN ON TO MANAGE CHELSEA'S 1954-5 CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM.

THE FIRST DIRECTOR OF A FOOTBALL LEAGUE CLUB WAS MALCOLM MAXWELL, THE FORMER ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL, WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE FULHAM BOARD IN NOVEMBER 1951.

CHARLOTTE 'LOTTIE' DODD (1871-1960) WON THE WIMBLEDON SINGLES TENNIS TITLE FIVE TIMES.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Revamped OPEC production policy will help push prices up

GCC oil ministers to discuss quota discipline

THE six oil ministers of the Gulf Co-operation Council nations, four of whom represent key Arab nations in OPEC, will meet on Oct. 16 in Riyadh, the Kuwait News Agency reported yesterday.

Officials at GCC headquarters in Riyadh confirmed that the ministers had a routine meeting coming up, but were reluctant to fix a date. Earlier reports had said the meeting would take place on Sept. 17-18.

KUNA said production by the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries and restoring quota discipline would be key topics at the GCC talks in advance of an OPEC ministerial session scheduled for Nov. 21 in Vienna.

KUNA, quoting unnamed

official oil sources, said the GCC ministers would review and find ways of stabilising the world oil market.

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the UAE, which are also OPEC members, and Bahrain and Oman, which are not.

Stands

KUNA said the four OPEC members would "co-ordinate stands on a number of issues of concern to OPEC ... especially with respect to the future production level of OPEC and the necessity of member states adhering to individual production quotas to guarantee preservation" of stability of the official price per barrel of oil on the world market.

Overall OPEC production in August was estimated at 20 million barrels a day, nearly 3.5 million barrels over its self-imposed output ceiling. This has helped depress prices below OPEC's benchmark of \$18 a barrel.

The UAE has refused to accept a quota of 948,000 barrels a day and demanded a 1.5 million-barrel quota. That is about the level of its current production.

Wish

Kuwait, backed by Saudi Arabia, rejects Venezuela's wish to keep coodeosate gases — liquids condensed from natural gas during production — out of oil quotas.

The GCC group, along with other OPEC members, hope to settle the issue of production by Iraq and Iran now that their 8-

year-old war has ground to a halt.

Tehran has reportedly rejected proposals that Iran and Iraq be allotted equal production quotas in a bid to curb Iraq's unbridled output of around 2.8 million barrels a day.

Iraq has refused to accept a quota of 1.5 million barrels a day and demanded parity with Iran's 2.3 million-barrel quota.

OPEC secretary-general

Suhroto recently visited Baghdad and Tehran and indicated that the issue could be solved through a revamped OPEC production policy aimed at pushing up oil prices to around \$18 a barrel.

Subroto has also visited other OPEC states, including Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and

Qatar.

Oil prices tumbled more than 50 cents a barrel to their lowest level in 22 months on Tuesday, reflecting high OPEC production and lack of progress in the ceasefire talks between Iran and Iraq.

Some analysts said prices could drop to \$13.50 this week, and possibly to less than \$10 a barrel before year-end, a level not seen since April 1986.

October crude oil futures fell a steep 55 cents to close at \$14.24 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the lowest price since Oct. 30, 1986.

Prices

"Before year-end, we could see a repeat of 1986 when prices fell to 9.75 a barrel," said Nauman Barakat, analyst at Shearson Lehman Hutton.

Other analysts were more conservative, saying the fall would be unlikely to take prices below the \$13.50 level.

Barakat said that some of the same elements that pushed prices down in 1986 were present now.

"OPEC members want to increase production to get a larger share of the market and the major oil companies are out

pushing the organisation to firm prices because refining profit margins are so good," he said.

Prices on cash markets in New York and Houston, where actual barrels are traded, recorded similar moves.

Production

"There is too much OPEC production and no progress on peace talks between Iran and Iraq," said Peter Beutel of Elders Futures Inc.

North Sea Brent, the international marker grade, fell 60 cents to a late quote of \$13.50 for October loading.

The price fall puts OPEC even further from its goal of setting an \$18 a barrel benchmark price.

OPEC nations have been producing above their quota levels for most of the year, but fresh evidence that they are keeping their spigots wide open came from the Paris-based International Energy Agency, which estimated OPEC's August output at 19 million barrels a day, up from 18.7 million in July.

Demand for OPEC oil, however, is estimated to be only about 18.2 million barrels a day, according to industry analysts.

World Business Summary

Jordan won't relent on moneychanger curbs

AMMAN, Sept. 7, (Reuters): Jordan's Central Bank said today it would press ahead with curbs on moneychangers aimed at augmenting foreign exchange reserves, despite bitter criticism of the regulations. "We will not go back on our decision... moneychangers have to abide by these rules as of the beginning of next month," Central Bank Governor Hussein Qasem told Reuters. "We have given moneychangers enough time to adjust to the new regulations... we have our own ways to check their adherence and any violation on their part will be dealt with according to the law." The regulations were initially due to take effect one month after they were announced on June 25. The moneychangers, who sent detailed objections to Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai in June, say the measures will hit their business hard, promote a black market and reduce the flow of remittances from nearly 350,000 Jordanians working abroad. The regulations are aimed at curbing the outflow of foreign currency and bolstering the Jordanian dinar. They ban moneychangers from accepting deposits, extending loans, making transfers, issuing cheques abroad, opening accounts overseas and speculating in international equity, metals or commodity markets. Moneychangers may now have foreign currency accounts only at local banks. Unlike the banks, they may buy and sell unlimited quantities of banknotes and need not abide by Central Bank sell rates. They can ask banks at which they hold foreign currency accounts to issue cheques to non-residents, but can only sell banknotes to Jordanian residents. An estimated 75 moneychangers operate in the country and some have been offering a virtual alternative banking system. Qasem said he had told central banks in world financial centres and Arab countries that any accounts held or opened by Jordanian moneychangers outside the country were prohibited under the rules. He rejected claims that the regulations would encourage a local black market. "Black markets are only created when there are no other outlets for people to make their money transfers. In this case we still have local banks," said Qasem.

There is little evidence of overheating: economists

Economies are booming, says IMF

PARIS, Sept. 7, (AP): The industrialised economies are booming this year, and governments should be ready to hit the brakes if inflation shows signs of heating up, the International Monetary Fund says.

The outlook, prepared in mid-August, has been distributed to member governments but is not to be made public until later this month. A copy was obtained by the AP-Dow Jones news service.

In its latest semi-annual world economic outlook, the fund revises its estimate for the growth of economic activity in the industrialised world this year by a full percentage point, although the IMF economists say there is still little evidence of overheating.

The fund's economists now anticipate a real, or inflation-adjusted, growth rate of 3.8 per cent for 1988, compared with the 2.8 per cent increase projected in their April report.

Projected

They say the projected rate of the current expansion — all six years old the longest since World War II — is likely to moderate in 1989 to 2.8 per cent, slightly up from their April estimate of 2.6 per cent.

The IMF's figures for 1988 and 1989 are substantially higher than the growth rates of 3 per cent and 2.5 per cent respectively projected by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in June.

Boosted by unexpectedly robust output and demand growth, real Gross National Product (GNP) in the United States is expected to set the pattern for the other industrialised countries with a 3.9 per cent increase in 1988 — the strongest rise since 1984 — following last year's 3.4 per cent growth.

In April, the IMF had projected

real growth rates of 2.9 per cent in both 1987 and 1988 for the United States. The IMF's latest projection of a slowdown in US real GNP growth in 1989 to 2.7 per cent was unchanged from its April estimate.

Growth in the developing countries is projected at 3.6 per cent in 1988, rising to 4.0 per cent in 1989. Both figures were little changed from the IMF's April outlook.

The IMF staff said that in view of the prevailing wage and price moderation, it was not projecting any significant upswing in inflation. They cautioned, however, that there are a number of "warning signals."

Pressure

These include rapidly declining unemployment together with renewed upward pressure on wage settlements, especially in the US, the UK and Canada; increasing rates of capacity utilisation; and a strong rise in non-commodity prices.

The IMF believes that consumer prices in the industrial world will rise by 3.2 per cent in 1988, accelerating to 3.5 per cent next year. The US rate of inflation is expected to quicken to 4.5 per cent in 1989 from 4.1 per cent in 1988, while consumer prices in Germany are slated to rise by 1.2 per cent in 1988 and by 2.3 per cent in 1989.

The report said central banks, alerted by these early warning signals, have responded with a cautious tightening of their monetary policies.

"Such a reaction is welcome in that it diminishes the risks of a more substantial and disruptive adjustment later," it observed.

But it cautioned that "further moderate restraint in financial policies may become

appropriate, especially in countries with external deficits, if nominal demand continues to expand rapidly."

Mideast sales push in Japan driving oil prices down

TOKYO, Sept. 7, (Reuter): Saudi Arabia's offer of volume discounts to Japanese crude oil buyers is likely to spark a renewed sales push by other Middle East Gulf producers and will drive prices even lower, oil experts said today.

Oil prices have already plunged nearly \$6 below the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) official \$18-a-barrel because members of the oil organisation have apparently abandoned any defence of the target price in favour of a fight for market share, they said.

"There is no supportive factor and the expectation that OPEC will do anything is disappearing," said one trader.

Saudi Arabia has told Japanese long-term customers that it will cut its current prices from October and offer volume incentives to encourage them to buy more.

One oil industry source said he

expected the kingdom would offer a further five cents a barrel discount for each additional 10,000 barrels per day (bpd) bought by Japan.

Other Middle East Gulf producers are also trying to increase their sales to Japan and will be forced to cut their prices to remain competitive, oil traders and analysts said.

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International Bond Highlights

Vienna — Girozentrale und Bank Der Oesterreichischen Sparkassen said it was launching a three billion schilling floating rate note for the Republic of Austria. (RTU 1202)

Paris — The French Finance Ministry said it had given permission for state-owned bank Credit Lyonnais to issue American depository receipts in the US for French treasury bonds. (RTTC 0850)

London — Eurofima, the European company for the financing of aircraft rolling stock, is issuing a 55 mln din Eurobond due Sept. 28, 1990 paying nine pct and priced at 101.05 pct, sole manager Deutsche Bank Capital Markets said. (RTTO 0938)

London — The indicated coupon on the four-year par priced equity warrant Eurobond being launched by Marubeni Food Co Ltd has been set at 5-1/8 pct, lead manager Daiwa Europa Ltd said. (RTUO 1337)

Geneva — The Coastal Corp of Houston is launching a five year 5-3/4 pct bullet bond of up to 100 mln Swiss francs at par, lead manager Banque Paribas (Suisse) SA said. (RTTP 0943)

Paris — State-owned bank Credit Lyonnais said it is to raise 1.5 billion francs through a two-tranche issue of domestic bonds. (RTUB 1055)

Interest Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	TREE MONTHS
DN 10-5/38	11-5/8 1/2	12-3/16 1/16
FPT 4.70/75	4.85/90	4.95/5.00
PAT 7-9/16 11/16	7-11/16 13/16	8 1/8-1/8
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/8 3-3/8	3-3/8 3-5/8
BOK 5.50	7-1/8 3/16	7-7/16 1/2
DN 10 10-1/2	11-1/8 11-5/8	11-1/4 11-3/4
ARS 5.31/63	5.37/47	5.47/57
TOK 3.7500 8125	4.3125 3750	4.1250 1875
EQU 7.06.7.31	7.31 7.43	7.50 7.62

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5-13/16	6-1/16
3 months	6	6-1/4
6 months	6-1/16	6-3/8
1 year	6-1/8	6-1/2

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	59 58.50	58 NICO	610 595 612.50
			GIFC	47.50	47 47.25	HUKAND 89.50 88 89
			GRASIM	103.50	103 105.50	NOCL 620 605 625
			GSCF	145.50	144.50 145.50	OKRAY 27 25 26.50
			BAJAJ AUTO	256.75	252.50 265	NIND LEVER 72.50 72 71.50
			BARAYON	240	257.50 242.50	BINDALCO 102 104.50 105
			BOP. BOYING	106	104 108	NINOCOCOA 90 88.75 88.75
			BR. BOND	95	95 96	INDUMOTOR 27 26.50 27.75
			BSE INDEX	620.31	609.97	RAYMOND 57.50 57 57.50
			CENTURYS PG	1040	1030 1045	INDRAYON 67.25 66 66.75
			COLGATE	246.25	242.50 250	INDROL 167.50 165 168.75
			DEEPAK FERT	38.50	38 38	SPIC 47.25 42 44
			ESKAYEF	122.50	121.25 121.25	L. AND T. 112.50 109.50 116
			ESSAR	18.75	18 17.75	MARINDRA 62.50 61 65.50
			GAR. POLY	77	76 77	MASTERSH 10.25 10.60 10.80
			GE. SNIP	28.85	28.85 28.50	VOLTAZ 56.50 55.50
						VOLTAS 352.50 345 350

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	NITSUB CP	1070	1080
AEG.	202.6	202.6	NITSUB EL	923 901
ALLIANZ VR	1534.0	1525.0	NITSUB EST	2270 2230
BADENWERK	178.5	179.0	NITSUB HVY	879 845
BASF	261.8	261.5	NITSUB CO	820 810
BAUER	292.5	292.5	NITSUBOSHI	1740 1780
BAUER HYD	335.0	335.0	NITSUMI EL	1050 1030
BAUER VER	336.0	333.0	NICHICON	1350 1350
BBC	301.0	301.5	NIHON CHNT	778 771
BHF.	426.0	426.0	NIKKO SEC	1730 1700
BHM	501.0	492.0	NIP ELEC	2050 2060
COMMERZBK	229.8	230.0	NIP KOKCAN	682 641
CONTI GRUPP	246.5	244.1	NIP OIL	1150 1160
DAHER BEN	673.0	658.5	NIP STEEL	695 665
DEUTSCHE BVC	175.7	175.5	NIP YUSEN	696 695
DLP	376.1	376.0	NIS MOTOR	1100 1100
DRESDNER B	265.8	266.8	NOHARA SEC	3480 3420
EW-BACCO	172.50	176.0	OBHA CO.	900 900
FATZ INDEX	499.03	487.12	OLYMPUS	1100 1100
FELDMUEHL	273.8	273.5	PENTA OCN	806 810
GOLDSMITH	300.0	290.0	PIONEER	3720 3740
HARPENER	432.0	432.0	RENOV	935 950
HOECHST AG	283.8	283.2	RICOH	1270 1280
HOESCH	152.5	154.0	SANKYO ELEC	2100 2100
HORTEN	200.5	198.0	SEIYU ST	2080 2140
HUSSEL NLD	439.8	435.0	SEKISUI PB	1690 1700
KALI SALZ	165.0	166.0	SHARP	1080 1090
KARSTADT	438.0	432.0	SNISEID	1720 1700
KAUFHOF	364.7	362.6	SONY	6790 6770
KLOECK N	139.5	142.0	TAIKOMO	1010 1010
KLOECK W	98.3	97.6	TAISEI	866 860
LINDE	677.0	677.0	TAISHO MRN	1080 1050
LUFTHANSA	141.8	142.0	TAKEADA CH	2680 2710
MAN	198.5	200.5	TEIJIN	771 775
MANNESMAN	169.0	169.9	TKD NEW IX	125.14 110.40
MERCEDES	544.0	528.0	TOKIO MRN	1850 1870
METALLGES	293.0	283.0	TOKYO ELEC	1320 1210
MINDORF PF	425.5	427.0	TOKYO GAS	1200 1180
NORSK HYD	54.50	55.00	TOKYO POMR	5530 5570
PHILIP KORN	604.0	600.0	TORAY IND	815 800
PORSCHE	533.5	533.0	TOSHIBA EL	1070 1020
PREUSSAG	174.0	175.0	TOTO	2050 2050
PWA	223.2	225.0	TOYO KKOGY	650 645
RHEINMETAL	296.0	297.0	TOYOTA MOT	2560 2560
RHE	233.3	230.5	TOKYO MRN	1380 1360
RHE P	215.0	214.0	TAKAHASHI	1740 1700
SLAMANDER	280.5	265.3	TAKAHASHI	4220 4280
SCHERING	503.4	499.0	TANAKA	1470 1440
SEL	275.5	276.0	YAMAOKUCHI	4220 4280
STEMENS	433.5	433.0	YAMAZAKI	1470 1440
THYSSEN	149.1	150.2		
VARTA	279.0	272.0		
VERA	256.5	257.0		
VEW	159.5	159.5		
VOLKSWAGEN	252.0	248.5		

TOKYO Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE UP, NEAR DAY'S HIGH

TOKYO, SEPT 7, REUTER — SHARE PRICES CLIMBED ALL DAY TO END ON THEIR NIGHTS ON OPTIMISM DUE TO GAINS ON WALL STREET OVERNIGHT AND A STRONGER YEN, BROKERS SAID.

"PEOPLE ARE MORE COMFORTABLE WITH FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES AND THE U.S. ECONOMY," SAID CRAIG CHUDLER, A STRATEGIST AT SMITH NEW COURT FAR EAST. HE ADDED THAT EXPECTATIONS OF INTEREST RATE RISES IN THE U.S. AND JAPAN HAVE FADED.

THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 183.50 POINTS, OR 0.67 PCT, TO 27,504.01. IT LOST 21.07 POINTS ON TUESDAY.

VOLUME WAS A BRISK 750 MLN SHARES AGAINST 500 MLN.

RISES LED FALLS BY SEVEN TO FIVE.

SECURITIES HOUSE, RAILWAY/BUS, REAL ESTATE, CREDIT/LEASE, BANK, SHIPBUILDING, GAS, COMMUNICATIONS, STEEL AND ELECTRICAL ISSUES LED THE ADVANCE.

OIL, ROLLING STOCK, PHARMACEUTICAL, PULP/PAPER, MINING RETAIL, PRECISION INSTRUMENT AND SOME MANUFACTURING SHARES WERE THE MAIN LOSERS.

THE INDEX STARTED ON ITS LOW OF 27,349.42 AND HIT A HIGH OF 27,516.39 JUST BEFORE THE CLOSE.

VOLUME WAS HIGHER COMPARED WITH MOST SESSIONS IN THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS.

"BASICALLY, PEOPLE WANTED TO TAKE A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE WHILE NEW YORK WAS CLOSED, AND WHEN IT OPENED STRONGER PEOPLE HAD THE CONFIDENCE TO GO OUT AND START BUYING AGAIN," SAID MIKE MORIZU, AN ANALYST AT MERRILL LYNCH JAPAN INC.

THE MARKET HAD A BAD WEEK LAST WEEK DUE TO EXPECTATIONS THAT DOMESTIC INTEREST RATES WOULD RISE AS THE DOLLAR CLIMBED ABOVE 136 YEN. IF THE DOLLAR RISES TO 140 YEN, DEALERS EXPECT THE BANK OF JAPAN TO RAISE ITS DISCOUNT RATE TO QUELL IMPORTED INFLATION AND DEFEND THE YEN.

BUT FRIDAY'S U.S. JOBS DATA HELPED RELIEVE SOME FEARS AS THE DOLLAR EASED AND U.S. INFLATION FEARS ABATED.

Hong Kong Stock Market Report

HONG KONG, SEPT 7, REUTER — SHARE PRICES ENDED HIGHER FOLLOWING RISES IN WALL STREET AND TOKYO, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FINISHED 23.14 POINTS HIGHER AT 2,525.14, AND THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX WAS UP 8.63 AT 1,664.07. TURNOVER TOTALLED 637.99 MLN N.K. OLRS AGAINST 414.42 MLN ON TUESDAY.

A BROKER WITH A U.S. HOUSE BAID OVERSEAS FUND MANAGERS ENTERED THE MARKET IN THE AFTERNOON AS LOCAL BUYING INTEREST GREW ON BULLISH SENTIMENT.

AMMAN

OPNG CLSG JOR LEASING CORP. 0.66 0.62

JOR LIM BRICK JOR MANAG/CONSULT 0.50 0.50

ALA-ADDIN COMPANY JOR PAPER CARDBRODG 3.18 3.24

ARAB ALUMINUM IND. JOR PHOSPHATE NINS 2.00 2.15

ARAB CHEMICAL DTER 1.58 1.58

ARAB INSURANCE 0.87 0

BUSINESS

UK stocks easier but above lows

Dollar unsettled on yen confidence

LONDON, Sept 7. (Reuters): The dollar was unsettled today when investors switched funds into yen after Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi Sumita said the Central Bank might come to the aid of the Japanese currency if it fell substantially.

Lower oil prices and a rise in short-term Japanese bank interest rates helped the yen higher, dealers said.

Sumita said however that the bank was not considering an increase in its key discount rate.

On glutted oil spot markets, crude prices dipped to be quoted below \$13 a barrel for immediate delivery for the first time since October, 1986, but they recovered to around \$13.15 by late afternoon.

Thin

Volume was thin on currency markets as dealers awaited Friday's US producer prices for fresh signals about whether inflationary pressures are subsiding in America.

"Dollar sentiment is looking a little soft," said one dealer with a major British bank.

The dollar closed in London at 1.8465 marks, above the day's low in Europe of 1.8400 and Tuesday's finish of 1.8420 marks. But it weakened again against the yen, ending at 133.75 yen compared with Tuesday's close

of 135.30.

The mark looked stronger against other European currencies.

It was fixed at a record high against the Italian lira in Frankfurt and at a six-month high against the French franc. Dealers cited positive West German growth data this week and the prospect that the country's trade surplus might rise.

Business was thin on European bourses.

The Dow Jones industrial average, however, had lost its gains to trade at 2,060.81 by mid-day, down 4.45 on Tuesday's close. Prudential Bache market analyst Larry Wachter said low volume showed a lack of conviction among players.

In Frankfurt and Paris, shares ended higher while in Zurich and Milan the bourse indices ended largely unchanged.

Earlier in Asia, shares had risen on the important Tokyo market with the Nikkei Average up 183.50 points at 27,504.01 and in Hong Kong but not in Sydney.

In London, gold bullion edged up 25 cents per ounce from its morning setting, being fixed at \$427.25 in the afternoon.

In London, equity prices were mostly easier in thin late trade but above the day's lows as a modest opening rally on Wall

Street helped the market claw back some of the early loss.

Dealers said the initial fall this morning was prompted by selling into the rally which began last Friday and this gathered pace when a rapidly sliding crude price led oil shares lower.

However, a partial recovery in oil prices this afternoon, coupled with a batch of good company results earlier, helped underpin the market. At 1517 GMT, the FTSE 100 share index was 9.5 points lower at 1,758.5 after hitting a low of 1750.3.

Money

Dealers believe today's lacklustre trading may become a short-term pattern, with the market staying highly cautious as it waits for August's British economic statistics to reveal the effect, if any, of the recent rises in interest rates.

The August balance of payments data on Sept 27 is likely to have the largest impact.

"I can't see anything stirring until the UK institutions decide to return to the market and I have a nasty feeling that may not be for some time," one dealer said.

He estimated that the institutions have quadrupled their cash holdings over the last year and now show an average liquidity ratio of 15 percent.

Dealers point out that the

FTSE 100 would have to fall 150 points to around 1,600 before equities provided even a six percent yield. That is half of what the institutions can get on their cash if they put it in the money market.

"Why should the institutions put their money in a precarious stock market when they can get a higher return from sticking it in a building society?" asked one dealer.

Prices

Dealers now see the market continuing to drift unless a major swing on Wall Street or a couple of really large bids emerge to break the lethargy.

Crude oil prices had slid around \$1 since last Friday on fears of OPEC over-production and reports that Saudi Arabia will offer lower prices and volume incentives to Japanese customers.

Rise

Although crude prices recovered this afternoon, there is growing speculation that the major OPEC members will abandon all defence of their official \$18-a-barrel price and enter a price war, dealers said.

Among the oil producers, BP dropped 7p to 239. Shell shed 16p to 976 and Enterprise lost 15p to 444. BP partly-paid, 4p off at 142, were the most active shares with 7.5 million traded.

Dealers said some good company results and continuing speculative interest kept the construction sector lively.

Costain ended 13p higher after reporting a 41 per cent rise in first-half pre-tax profit to £29.5 million. Recent market speculation on the possible bid intentions of P and O towards Taylor Woodrow is prompting interest in Trafalgar House's 6.1 percent stake in Costain. Woodrow eased 6p to 625.

Wimpey ended 6p weaker at 239 after reporting a 60 per cent leap in first-half pre-tax profits to £40.7 million. Cement to property group Blue Circle also reported half-year profits at £10.5 million — up 10.5 percent.

Down

Tobacco to insurance group BAT was down 1p at 436 after reporting half-year pre-tax profits of £711 million, compared with £642 million last year, roughly in the middle of forecasts. Sun Alliance rose 14p to 959 in reaction to a 75 per cent leap in half-year profits to £182.3 million — well above expectations.

Among others reporting, BICC added 1p to 345 and Hillsdown eased 5p to 268, in common with Legal and General at 305.

Crash

Whether oil markets will see a repetition of the price crash of 1986 remains to be seen. But memories of the crash are starting to flood back.

"It could well be that we will see 1986 over again," one oil trader said.

OPEC production in August was far in excess of demand and is likely to remain so this month, oil analysts said.

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Oil prices approach 2-year lows on over-supplied markets

LONDON, Sept 7. (Reuters): Oil prices depressed by excess supplies, neared two-year lows in Europe today, reviving memories of the 1986 spot market crash when crude fell to \$9 a barrel.

Britain's Brent blend, the most widely traded crude internationally, was quoted just under \$13 a barrel for immediate delivery for the first time since October, 1986.

That was about \$1.50 down on prices a week ago.

Lower

A key factor weighing the market down was soaring output among members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). A Reuter survey showed the 13-nation group pumped 20 million barrels per day (BPD) in August, one million more than in July.

"Supply and demand fundamentals dictate that the price should be lower than it is now," said Peter Nicol, oil analyst at Chase Manhattan Bank in London.

British record trade deficit reflects incompetence: Kinnock

BOURNEMOUTH, England, Sept 7. (AP): Opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock accused the Conservative government today of incompetence and irresponsibility for allowing Britain to run up a record trade deficit.

Critics have blamed the tax cuts partly for a surge in consumer spending on imported goods, helping fuel the record trade deficit in July of £2.65 billion (\$4.5 billion).

It means Britain's overall deficit is certain to soar above the \$4 billion Lawson had forecast for the entire year.

Expulsion of the Electricians Union would be seen as undermining Kinnock's aim of moderating the party's image and could lead other unions with right-of-centre leaderships to quit.

Earlier, Kinnock said it was

"September OPEC output will be around 20 million BPD also," said Phillips and Drew's Pyne. "Demand for OPEC oil will be swamped. To get any support for prices we can only look to market sentiment. This is very negative and there is no reason at the moment for it to be reversed."

Attention

Oil analysts estimate that demand for OPEC oil is running around 18.3 million BPD, 1.5 million below output, and will remain at that level for the rest of 1988.

Meanwhile, market attention will be focused on the next meeting of OPEC's price monitoring committee. The five-member panel, made up of the oil ministers of Algeria, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, is widely expected to meet this month.

The price committee can call an emergency meeting of all 13 OPEC ministers if it feels prices have deviated too far from the group's target of \$18 a barrel.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

Benson and Hedges Management Challenge

By Jadranka Porter

THE Ernst and Whinney team yesterday won the Kuwait title in the Benson and Hedges Management Challenge.

The team will compete in November's grand final in Penang, Malaysia.

The Al Mulla Group of Companies came second in what was a very close competition.

Six teams competed, but it was the entrepreneurial skills that set the winners, Craig Ross, Ivan da Silva and Deepak Khullar, apart from other teams.

They raised the value of the computer-simulated company by calculated risks, but it was their spirit of enterprise that the organisers appreciated.

Ernst and Whinney is an accounting firm.

Contest

The Benson and Hedges Management Challenge, now in its fifth year, is a Gulf-wide contest in management skills.

There were only five Kuwaitis among 18 contestants.

"They were all weeded out in the first round which was a paper and pencil test. We would like to see more Gulf nationals take part in the contest," said Bob Thomas of Ashridge Management College in England who ran the final.

Simulation

Jeremy Hall of Hall Marketing from England, who wrote the software for the contest noted that the response to the competition and the quality of entrants has been increasing over the years.

The contest is run in three stages.

In the first stage the contestants are presented with a management problem in a case study and have to answer multiple choice questions.



The Ernst and Whinney team (from right) Craig Ross, Deepak Khullar and Ivana da Silva, will represent Kuwait in the Grand Final in Malaysia

return on capital but are small and weak in other ways, said Thomas.

At the second stage, the teams are expected to manage a computer simulation of a real business. They make a set of decisions on marketing, production, pricing and finance and then assess the effect on the market place.

They are expected to make a set of decisions used to define how they hope the company will perform in the next year," said Hall.

Teams who are capable of sophisticated financial analysis, who rely on market research and can anticipate the behaviour of competitors will come out on

top, said Thomas.

"The competition aims to find and reward the best management team among the GCC nations," Thomas said. "It combines learning, team building and fun."

Tony Liddle of Benson and Hedges said the contest aims to contribute to the developing business scene in the Gulf states.

The winners of the Grand Final will each receive a \$10,000 portfolio of gold shares, as well as a management Challenge Gold Medal, minted 22 carat gold by Sink and Co. of London. All grand finalists will receive a gold medal.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

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Tender No. R 763/9

Tender's Internal No. 976/88

Concerned party: Kuwait National Petroleum Co.

Requirements: Purchase of six vehicles

Relevant fee: KD.30/-

Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 18.10.88

Tender No. M/1988/42

Tender's Internal No. 117/88

Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company

Requirements: Replacement of cooler tower/A & B in cold water lab at Al Ahmadi

Relevant fee: KD.20/-

Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 11.10.88

Tender No. MEW/22/2/40/88/89

Tender's Internal No. 118/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Supply of copper materials for water junctions

Relevant fee: KD.20/-

Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 18.10.88

Tender No. MEW/22/4/41/88/89

Tender's Internal No. 119/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: digging & filling back of gas channels in different locations at Kuwait

Relevant fee: KD.20/-

Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 9.10.88

Notices

Tender No. MEW/22/2/15/88/89 — Cleaning works

Further to the notice published in the Official Gazette Issue No. 1784 dated 14.8.1988, the CTC hereby includes M/S K/Swedish Cleaning Services Co in the list of the companies qualified to participate.

Tender No. PT/1/3/88 — Tea, Coffee & Refreshment Services

A pre-tender meeting shall be held at 10 am on Tuesday, 13.9.88 in Administrative Office at Shuaiba.

Participants shall notify the company before 3 days of the meeting with names & nationalities of nominees to issue the relevant entry permission.

Tender No. MEW/22/2/41/88/89

Tender's Internal No. 119/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: digging & filling back of gas channels in different locations at Kuwait

Relevant fee: KD.20/-

Charlie Sheen (center) shares the billing with his older brother Emilio Estevez in the film *Young Guns*.

Charlie Sheen: recovering from the too-much-too-soon syndrome

By Ivor Davis

At the age of 22 he was smitten by a condition that has afflicted many young Hollywood actors. Charlie Sheen, star of *Platoon* (1986) and *Wall Street* (1987), suffered from severe symptoms of the too-much-too-soon syndrome.

Sheen's round soft face is framed with spiky-looking jet-black hair. The "punk" look is for "Major League," his movie due out next spring in which he plays a juvenile delinquent recruited to become a star baseball pitcher. His recently completed film, "Eight Men Out," in which he plays outfielder Hap Felsch of the Chicago White Sox, was released last month in the USA.

A third movie, *Young Guns* is based on the story of Billy the Kid. The movie masquerades as a Western but resembles a contemporary gang movie with its youthful cast, rock-music score and drug scenes (Billy's men are shown getting high on peyote). "We could have played the roles on *Harley-Davidson*, instead of horses and if you have come out the same way, you can't do it again." For the first time Sheen gets to share billing with his older brother Emilio Estevez, 26, who plays the itchy-fingered killer Billy the Kid. The \$10.5 million film also stars Kiefer Sutherland; Lou Diamond Phillips, Casey Siemaszko and Dermot Mulroney.

Keen

Before discussing why he was so keen to star in *Young Guns* Sheen talks about how he became burned-out. "You take a 21-year-old kid and put him in my situation. With the success of *Platoon*, which made \$150 million and won the best-picture Oscar, and having grown up around such guys as Cruise, Judd, Rob, Emilio, what do

you do for an encore?" he asks. Sheen is referring to his *Brat Pack* days when he and Estevez, Tom Cruise, Judd Nelson, Rob Lowe and Sean Penn embraced Hollywood's nightife as they churned out movies and captivated the media. "It was a lot to deal with not being able to do anything without being observed and mobbed," says Sheen. "So I decided to bury myself in the social whirlwind."

For Sheen real life began to imitate art while he was making *Wall Street* for director Oliver Stone. By day he faced the camera hung over and bloated as he portrayed Bud Fox, the cut-throat broker seduced by visions of money, power and women. By night he drank excessively.

Even his father, who starred with him in *Wall Street*, could do little to straighten him out. "Look, he is spoiled," said the elder Sheen. "He does run around too much, have too many girlfriends. He doesn't know hard times."

And Estevez, who pushed for Sheen to get the part in "Young Guns," adds: "You would try to help out when he was going through his difficult periods, but it's hard for me to

play big brother," he says. Sheen is referring to his Brat Pack days when he and Estevez, Tom Cruise, Judd Nelson, Rob Lowe and Sean Penn embraced

Hollywood's nightife as they churned out movies and captivated the media. "It was a lot to deal with not being able to do anything without being observed and mobbed," says Sheen. "So I decided to bury myself in the social whirlwind."

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"The reason I took the part was to work with Emilio," says Sheen. "Emilio plays the wild guy and I'm the cool head. It was opposite the way we are in life. It brought us closer. We feuded as kids and now we're best friends."

Sheen grew up in Malibu, Calif., using the name Carlos Irwin Estevez (Estevez is the family's real name). Although his father wanted his four children (also including Ramona and Renee Estevez) to go to college, none of them did. Instead, they spent their time making 8 mm films starring their business pals.

Sheen was 9 when he debuted opposite his father in the CBS-TV film *The Execution of Private Slovik* (1974). But his career took off in 1984 when he appeared in *Red Dawn* (1984), followed by *The Boys Next Door* (1985) *Lucas* (1986) and *Platoon*.

While Sheen's father spent his free time campaigning for the homeless or getting arrested at anti-nuclear demonstrations, Sheen preferred cruising in his black Porsche convertible. At the time "Wall Street" opened Sheen said: "I think we are who we play. I find in myself the compulsive aspects of Bud's existence, the seduction of quick gains, instant cash, that to me is very attractive."

Fortunate

Sheen now says, "It was a time I was fortunate to escape. I look back at it as a period of stupidity and arrogance. But without going through that I wouldn't know the balance between what works and what doesn't. After "Wall Street," there was too much work. Obviously, people didn't look at me in the movie and say, 'Oh God, he must be getting hammered every night.' I was in a position that millions of people wanted to be in, and to jeopardize it by the overall abuse."

He ponders his own recklessness for a moment, then continues, "So you do what I did: Step out and look back. Today I like myself better. It is easier to wake up in the morning and enjoy what I see in the mirror. Not from an egotistical point of view, but being comfortable with myself. I realized I had been accepted by the (film) industry. Now they see me as someone who is here to stay."

He did, however, make a fleeting appearance in one Bond epic. "I was the third villain from the right, name of Klaus, in *For Your Eyes Only*. I did it purely for the experience — and the money!"

Following his performance as Guy Perron, Charles was inundated by fanmail from adoring females. He was immediately labelled "the thinking woman's crumpet," something he now says he finds flattering, but ultimately amusing.

"It goes in one ear and out the other. Don't tag me with that sex symbol nonsense," he pleads. "It's just another label and I don't want to be an on-screen passion stirrer."

"Besides beauty is very much in the eye of the beholder — I'm sure there are a lot of women who would find me repellent."

He does admit, however, that he has empathy with the camera — "I know this peculiar face of mine does photograph well" — and he works hard at keeping his figure in shape. He rarely touches alcohol and is a self-confessed keep-fit fanatic, who has been known to run four and a half miles a day. He also pumps iron, the result of which can be seen when he strips down to his breeches in *Pascal's Island*.

But although Charles is now besieged with film offers, success took a long time coming. The son of a civil engineer, he was born in Plymouth in 1946 and moved to Dartmoor after his father died. He says he enjoyed school plays as a young boy, but gave them up when he developed a stammer in his teens.

Terence Stamp (left) and Sheen in *Young Guns*.

Perfect English gentleman seeks new image

By Jane Fletcher

SOME actors shed blood, sweat and tears for a role. They distort their figures, wear outrageous disguises and measure a good performance by the amount of pain they have to suffer to achieve it.

Heart-throb Charles Dance does things differently. He comes from the stiff upper lip school of acting. The sandy-haired, freckle-faced actor, last seen as the Earl of Errrol in *White Mischief*, has made his mark by typifying English elegance and good breeding.

Now he is to repeat his success by playing the quintessential Englishman abroad in the new film *Pascal's Island*, opposite Helen Mirren and Ben Kingsley.

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hat, walking cane and his usual look of total composure.

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Dance with Meryl Streep in *Plenty*.

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Moonlighting to the big screen

By Ivor Davis

HE was once about as accessible an actor as Marlon Brando. But what a difference a hit film and a \$5 million salary make. Suddenly, the reclusive Bruce Willis poses for the May cover of *Vanity Fair*, smiles for television cameras and sits in a New York City hotel suite to chat about his life.

Willis is anxious to talk about his new action-packed movie *Die Hard* in which he plays New York City detective John McClane, who becomes the only hope for small group of hostages, including his estranged wife (Bonnie Bedelia), trapped in a Los Angeles high rise seized by terrorists.

According to the 33-year-old actor, McClane is closer to the real Bruce Willis than David Addison, his alter ego on the ABC-TV series *Moonlighting*. "McClane is a guy who would rather stand in the back of the crowd. He doesn't want to be a hero. I can relate to that," says Willis.

For too long, he says, movie audiences have been served a diet of superheroes. "Can you relate to 'Rambos'?" he asks. "But I know guys like McClane — guys who are afraid, guys who have anxiety. I wanted to play that, I've never been so enthusiastic about anything."

He is not the only one. Audiences also love *Die Hard*, which has earned more than \$30 million since it opened in July. Not bad for a college dropout who has made only two movies — *Simset* (1988) and *Blind Date* (1987) — and a TV series.

"It's called, 'Get what you can get when you can get it,'" he says. "Show business is tough. Who is to say that next year my career will not be over? I could be history. No one is going to say, 'Oh, poor Bruce Willis. Let's bring him back and give him a lot of money.' So you have to get it while it's there."

The subject of megahunks, he explains, makes him uncomfortable because he fears for the safety of the unborn child he and his wife Demi Moore are expecting at the end of September. "I'm afraid some nut is

going to read this stuff and say, 'Hey man, he makes millions of dollars. Let's get some. Let's steal his baby.' It scares me. It can happen. It's what I feel in my heart," he says.

"I stay out of situations (interviews) like this as much as I can," he continues. "I don't feel the need to reveal details of my life. Some actors do. They'll tell you everything they ever did."

"Oh, I was cocaine addict. I had a relationship with a Shetland pony when I was 15." Who wants to hear that stuff? I don't feel that it's my responsibility to open my private life to you. My work ends when I go home at the end of the day."

Encouraged

But Willis encouraged publicity with tales of his rowdy parties, altercations with paparazzi and romance with Moore, whom he met through his friend and her ex-boyfriend Emilio Estevez. "I went through a time where more focus was placed on what I did when I got done working. The first couple of years I had no idea how to deal with being a celebrity. I thought I would go back to being anonymous, then I realized it was going to get more intense before it got quiet."

Willis says part of the problem lies in his "Moonlighting" character. "I'm in somebody's living room every Tuesday night and people watch TV in their underwear, eating in bed. They think they know you. You don't know how important your anonymity is until it is taken away. They come up to you and ask you to say something funny. Hey, give me that lopsided grin. Be David Addison. I've never heard that kind of gregarious guy. It made me withdraw."

Advantages

One of the advantages of his movie success is that Willis can look forward to a time when "Moonlighting" will be a memory. "I want to leave it behind," he says. "I've explored it all. There are only so many times I can make the same face. In 'Die Hard' director John McTiernan gave me

Bruce Willis stars as a New York detective in the action-adventure film *Die-Hard*.

time to find this character, and TV doesn't give you that.

What television does give

you is the exposure that makes

\$5 million a picture a reality.

And whether he likes it or not

Willis is contracted for two

more seasons of "Moonlighting."

That is exactly what Willis

says he has done, leaving his hard-drinking bachelors days behind and settling into domestic bliss in a beach house in Malibu, Calif. There are no plans, he says, for him and Moore to work together on a healing back to life.

Working around the pregnancy, he says, forced them into a format similar to other shows with hackneyed cliffhanger endings. "I would like to get back to what we did in the first couple of years," he says. "But I will work just as hard for the next two years because I like to think of myself as a professional."

Willis is currently in Tennessee shooting *In Country* in which he plays a Vietnam veteran trying to survive the post-Vietnam syndrome with

his orphaned niece (Emily Lloyd). "I'm a little scared of *In Country*," he says. "I lost a couple of friends in Vietnam. I was drafted the year they ended the war. It's a personal story. I don't think anyone has done the vets justice yet. These people need to be hugged and told they're OK. I want to speak for them. The film is about the healing process, it's about coming back to life."

That is, he explains, until the next baby. "Yeah, sure, I want my own little softball team," he says.

"It keeps getting better and better," he continues. "I've never been happier. I'm expecting a baby. I'm in love with my wife. I've got a hit film. Let me tell you, life is very, very good."



He had no ambition to become an actor until, at the age of 19, he became a graphics student and got involved in amateur dramatics once more. Fortunately, his debilitating stammer soon disappeared.

After he left art school, Charles studied with two ex-actors who had coached acting students. They taught the aspiring actor, demanding only two pints of beer an hour as payment.

Such unorthodox training reaped its rewards. By 1973, Charles had been accepted by the Royal Shakespeare Company and took a number of prestigious theatrical roles.

The he branched into television and eventually won the role of Guy Perron which was to launch him on the path to international success.

Charles says he does not want to be typecast — "stiff upper lip parts can be limiting and boring," he says.

He says of *The Golden Child*: "That awful Eddie Murphy film. If you have a weekend filled with boredom, then go and see it. I don't advise it otherwise."

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Say it again, Sam!

By George Katz

MOVIE mogul Harry Cohn fumed at his scriptwriters: "Even I know that in Biblical times people didn't go around saying 'Yes siree! No siree!'"

The puzzled writers agreed but couldn't understand where these words were in their script. Then Cohn pointed to the lines "No, siree" and "Yes, siree."

It was the same Cohn who heard there was a good story called *The Iliad* by someone called Homer. He asked his writers to produce a synopsis for possible screening. But he rejected it with the words: "Too many goddam Greeks in it."

And he wasn't the only studio head in Hollywood's hey-day to betray his ignorance. So too did Jack Warner when he was introduced to Einstein as the man who discovered the theory of relativity.

"I have a theory about relativity, too," Warner. "Don't ever employ them."

Then there was Walt Disney, who after hearing some of the Pastoral Symphony on the soundtrack of his *Fantasia* exclaimed: "Gee, this will make Beethoven a star."

These and other hilarious stories can be found in an amusing new book* which mines a rich vein from film-making in the Thirties, Forties and Fifties.

Few modern artists are represented, though there's Woody Allen's famous quip "I don't want to achieve immortality through my work, I want to achieve it through not dying." And the story of Jack Nicholson falling off a horse, breaking his wrist, then climbing back on again, "I wouldn't have done that if I'd been a real person," he said.

Naturally, any book of this kind is incomplete without the Sam Goldwynisms. There are the familiar ones like "Include me out," "You've got to take the horse by the teeth," "It rolls off my back like a duck," and "Why did he call the baby Bill? Every Tom, Dick and Harry is called Bill."

But there's also an unfamiliar one of Sam as he studied the blurb for a new picture. It reads: "The directorial genius of Mamoulian, the beauty of Sten and the producing genius of Goldwyn have been combined to make the world's greatest entertainment."

Goldwyn looked it over and said to the publicist: "That's what I like. Facts. No exaggeration." The film, incidentally, turned out to be a complete flop.

Edward G. Robinson once told Sam Goldwyn: "My studio is going to make *The Merchant of Venice* and they want me to play Shylock. Should I agree?" Goldwyn replied: "Screw 'em. Tell 'em you'll only play the merchant."

But colleagues thought money-minded Sam really had gone crazy when he bought a musical called *Billion Dollar Baby*, which had been a flop on Broadway. "I got a great bargain," boasted Sam. "I bought a Billion Dollar Baby for only a hundred thousand dollars."

F. Scott Fitzgerald claimed

Hollywood mogul Sam Goldwyn was famous for his one-liners like 'It rolls off my back like a duck.' But he wasn't the only one to produce hilarious lines that were never seen on screen and were often funnier than the script.



he always liked Goldwyn because "You always knew where you stood with him. Nowhere."

Some actresses were equally quick witted. When an actress said to Rosalind Russell: "I dread to think of life at 45," Russell replied: "Why? What happened then?"

And apparently when the producer Joe Pasternak kept pestering Marlene Dietrich to go to bed with him she kept him at bay with the words: "I will, when Hitler is dead." In 1945, Pasternak called Dietrich, said that Hitler was now dead, and he was ready to collect. Quick as a flash Marlene replied: "Hitler is alive and living in Argentina."

Fund
Censorship and the Hays Production Code, provides a fund of stories for the book. These were the days when kisses were timed, lovers — even married ones — had to have one foot on the floor during bed scenes and there was even a Bust Inspector to climb up a ladder and inspect cleavages from above.

But even Will Hays, a Presbyterian minister after whom the code was named, wasn't safe from putting his foot in it occasionally. He once complained to a group of publicists about advertising being too sexy when there was a sudden commotion on the windowsill. Two pigeons had started to make love.

"What's going on out there?" cried Hays.

"They're violating the Production Code," said a publicist drily.

Hoot Gibson, who began as

In the days of the Productoo Code, the stars were expected to behave decorously off-screen as well as on. When the news broke that Ingrid Bergman was expecting an illegitimate child by Roberto Rossellini, gossip columnist Louella Parsons wailed on the radio: "Oh, Ingrid, Ingrid. Whatever got into you?"

Raymond Massey was once asked by fellow actor if there was any leading lady Richard Burton hadn't managed to seduce. "Yes, Marie Dressler," said Massey. "But she's dead." "Yes, I know."

Fast
Superstar Dustin Hoffman managed to pull a fast one on a colleague too. When he was playing the lead in *Tootsie*, in which he appeared disguised as a woman, he went into a studio cafe to check out how his make up was working. There, he ran into Jon Voight, his former costar from *Midnight Cowboy*. Hoffman said later: "I went up to him and told him how much I liked his work. We talked together for 20 minutes and I had to tell him who I was."

Alfred Hitchcock is another star who is famed for his devastating one liners.

Shortly after the release of *Psycho*, Hitchcock's famous thriller in which Janet Leigh is murdered in the shower, a man wrote that ever since the movie his wife had been afraid to shower and he wanted suggestions as to what he should do.

Hitchcock wrote back: "Have you ever considered sending your wife to the dry cleaners?"

*Hoot Gibson, who began as

an extra in Westerns, was more anxious for money than fame. Once when a director offered him an extra five dollars if he allowed himself to be dragged by a running horse, he replied: "Make it ten and I'll let the horse kick me to death."

But no story of Hollywood would be complete without Mae West.

Discussing a script with Mae, director Ernst Lubitsch criticised her for taking all the good lines and giving none to the other performers. "I'm writing the story and I'm the star," said Mae. "But in every story there must be two characters," replied Lubitsch. "Look at Romeo and Juliet."

"Let Shakespeare do it in his way and I'll do it mine," said Mae. "And we'll see who comes out better."

Legendary Cecil B. de Mille is another of Hollywood's "greats." He once met a breathtakingly beautiful actress at a party and decided to cast her in one of his epics. But he changed his mind when, on asking her about her acting experience, she replied: "Whatever I have did, I have done good."

On the set, de Mille liked to give long winded instructions to extras. One time, he looked down from his perch and saw two women ignoring him and chattering away.

"Hold it just a minute," said de Mille. "Ladies, come up here please. If what you have to say is so important, please tell the rest of us through this microphone."

One of the delinquents took the mike and said: "Well, I was just asking my friend when that bald-headed old son of a bitch up there was gonna let us have some lunch."

Director stories are popular and common...

In The Greatest Story Ever Told superstar John Wayne had a cameo role as a Roman centurion and had the line: "Truly, this was the son of God." Director George Stevens cut the action during the first take and said: "Duke, you gotta deliver that line with a little more awe."

The camera rolled again and Wayne drawled: "Aw, truly this was the son of God."

And not surprisingly some of the stories, are as apocryphal as they are funny.

One day, Charlie Chaplin passed a cinema where a large poster advertised a comedy starring Douglas Fairbanks.

Noticing a young man watching him, Chaplin said conversationally: "This Fairbanks any good?"

"He's a scream," said the young man. "Never laughed so much in all my life."

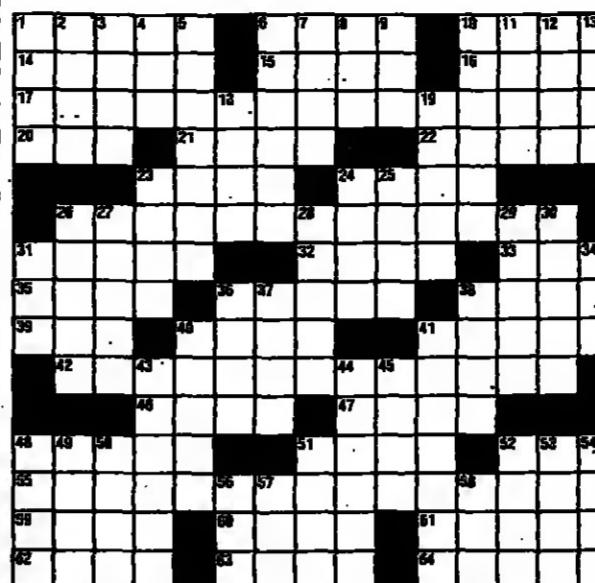
"Is he as good as Chaplin?" asked the slightly miffed Charlie.

"As good as Chaplin? Why, this Fairbanks makes Chaplin look like a undertaker. They're not in the same class. Fairbanks is far funnier than Chaplin."

Announced Charlie coldly: "I'm Chaplin." "I know you are," said the young man. "I'm Fairbanks."

Fast
Hollywood Anecdotes by Paul F. Boller Jr and Ronald L. Davis. Published by Macmillan £13.95.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Saharan transport
- 5 Additional amount
- 6 Bucket
- 10 Fellow
- 14 Sprightly
- 15 Skin problem
- 16 Goddess of the moon
- 17 — of the Apocalypses
- 20 Tributary of the Visita
- 21 Ilium
- 22 Sampia tha food
- 23 Falisa god
- 24 Word in comparisons
- 26 Causes of nagging pains?
- 31 Tendency
- 32 Hop klin
- 33 Health resort
- 35 Govern
- 36 Sharp
- 38 Inventor who had his ups and downs
- 39 Martha's Vineyard; Abbr.
- 40 Culture medium
- 41 Songbirds
- 42 Nonsansa!
- 43 African fox
- 47 Seetha
- 48 Came up
- 52 Potential blossom
- 55 Epithet of Gen.
- 56 Edge
- 58 Language of Pakistan
- 59 Additional amount
- 60 Away from the wind
- 61 Apocopate
- 62 Suffix with young or old
- 63 Legal document
- 64 Brother of Romulus
- 65 Additional amount
- 66 Whirls
- 67 Numerical prefix
- 68 Matutes
- 69 City SSW of Moscow
- 70 Balance sheet item
- 71 To what place?
- 72 Serving of bacon
- 73 Mistreated
- 74 Charity
- 75 Splash of color
- 76 Fairy-tale monster
- 77 American Indian
- 78 Edge
- 79 Sea god
- 80 Does household chores
- 81 Makes a droning sound
- 82 Dill of the Bible
- 83 Window section
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- 102 Captain
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- 109 Piped Piper
- 110 Onion
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- 114 Saner
- 115 Este
- 116 Stet

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- 1 Musical inspired by T.S. Eliot
- 2 Turkish title
- 3 Aspect, manner
- 4 Pby
- 5 Dancer's garment
- 6 Conditional release
- 7 Painful
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- ♦ 6 4
- ♦ A 8 3

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- ♦ 8 6 2
- ♦ Q J 10
- ♦ K 10 6 4

EAST

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SOUTH

- ♦ 7 3
- ♦ K Q J 5
- ♦ A K 8 2
- ♦ Q 5 2

The bidding:

South: West: North: East:

1 NT: Pass: 2 ♠: Pass:

4 ♦: Pass: 3 ♠: Pass:

Pass: Pass:

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

The late Sonny Moyse was an avid proponent of the power of a 4-3 major-suit fit, so much so that that trump holding has become known in the trade as a Moysian fit. This hand would have warmed the cockles of his heart.

Once North showed that his jump shift was based on heart support, South correctly judged that his excellent four-card holding was at least the equivalent of a five-card suit. He showed a better-than-minimum hand with his diamond cuebid, and North wasted no time in getting to trumps.

After the lead of the queen of diamonds, declarer had 10 fast

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

SPAS	SECT	BLADE
TORT	AXLE	RILEY
OMAR	SPED	IMAGE
ROBINHOOD	CARR	KNIFE
ACES	NEEL	RITE
SHARED	CAFTAN	
KATYDID	PEP	
ACHE	NERO	SEAN
TIE	BASAL	UPSET
ENO	PIED	PIPER
ONION	INCA	REDE
ADAGIE	SEAM	UCLA
SANER	ESTE	STET

tricks. At 11th would come from a diamond ruff, and the obvious place to develop a 12th was in the spade suit. Since declarer could expect a 4-2 trump break, he could not afford to extract all the trumps before he had set up a long spade. To extricate himself from this dilemma, declarer found a most elegant solution.

The first trick was won in hand with the king of diamonds, and at trick two declarer ducked a spade! East won the trick cheaply, but declarer was in control. He won the club return with the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond with the ten. After drawing trumps, he reverted to spades, and the contract was secure once both defenders followed to the second spade.

Declarer chose an excellent line of play. He would be defeated only if diamonds broke 6-1, or if either major suit split 5-1.

"He's heard it — now as soon as he gets the door open — hang up."

"Yes, I've had plastic surgery. I can't grow old gracefully, you know."

"But the way you have."

"I'm not going to outdo you."

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the
Arab Times

WITH the failure of many violent and action-packed films recently, it seems that people are rather tired of the oft-repeated 'exciting fights' and 'thrilling spectacles' dished out regularly to bored audiences. Does this mean that Indian Cinema will revert once again to family dramas and tales of young love which were once such a favourite with audiences?

Time alone will tell if this change will come about in a big way but there are some signs of it happening: one is that some recent films on those lines have brought in moderately good results, and secondly more films of a similar nature are on the release list in the immediate future or a little later in the year.

It seems that producers and directors are slowly realising that what touches the heart is more important than the mere feeding of the senses. A few names are becoming prominent in this genre of films: film makers Kalpataru, Mohanji Prasad, K. Bapna, Krishnamurthy and son Ravi Shanker. And the artistes who specialise in it are Jaya Prada, Meenakshi, Seshadri, Raakhee, Sudha Chandran, Rishi Kapoor, Raj Babbar and even Mithun and Govinda on rare occasions. For director Kalpataru (it is his adopted screen name), the *Ghar* films have become quite a private goldmine and others have been quick to exploit. Almost every such film must have *Ghar* (home) in the title. Kalpataru himself is doing a dozen such films.

Release

One family drama ready for release is *Aurat Teri Yahi Kahani* made by Mohanji Prasad with Meenakshi, Raj Babbar, Raj Kiran and character artistes Nirupa Roy, Sudha Sethi, Shriram Lagoo, Aruna Irani and Kadar Khan.

It is the old, old story of a cart-full of woes heaped on the poor heroine, so to enable the women in the audience reach for the Kleenex. A film with exactly the same title was made long ago in 1954 with Nirupa Roy in the title role.

The story is worth noting for the twists and turns it takes. Meenakshi is the accursed creature Savitri whose mother dies at her birth and who then

Keep your tissues handy, family melodramas are popular again

Young lovers: Abhishek and Lubna in *Parbat Ke Us Paar*

has to suffer the tyrannies of step-mother Aruna. Her father Shriram Lagoo regrets his second marriage and drowns his sorrows in liquor. A village youth Raj Babbar loves her but he too is under a curse because he has killed a snake in child-

hood, its mate can bite him any time, except when he is wearing a talisman given to him by a Muslim holy man.

The urgent need for a thousand rupees by the step-mother seeds Meenakshi on the road to more serious trouble.

An evil old landlord almost marries her but dies in the attempt. Then his lecherous son charges at her. She jumps into a river but is saved by people from a women's welfare home. But they too sell her to a madame who runs a dance-house. Meenakshi sings and dances but manages to keep her virginity intact. The landlord's kind wife Nirupa rescues her and gets her married to Babbar, despite Raj Kiran trying to kidnap her. One more calamity befalls her when Babbar loses his talisman and the revengeful snake takes a bite off him. Now she begs Lord Shankar, with songs and prayers, to get her husband revived. We realise now why she is named Savitri and Babbar is called Satto (Satyavan) to match with the mythical pair which faced the same ordeal.

Hopes

Talking about the film, Meenakshi said recently that she has big hopes from a few such family dramas. The next one is Mohan Prasad's *Bade Ghar Ki Beti* directed by Kalpataru, in which Rishi is her hero. The cast also has Aruna Irani, Raj Kiran, Sudha Sethi and Kadar Khan. Perhaps Meenakshi is banking on the past success of *Maa Beti* and the flop *Swati* to which she had a powerful character. A parallel family film being made is *Bade Ghar Ki Bahu* also directed by Kalpataru but which has Rishi, Farha, Swapna, Suresh Oberoi, Kadar Khan and Pran for a change.

Another such Meenakshi starrer directed by Kalpataru is *Apna Ghar* with Shashi and Rishi Kapoor, Raj Kiran, Aruna and Kadar Khan. With Jaya Prada, Jeetendra, Anita Raj, Shakti Kapoor, Aruna and Kadar Khan, the director is making *Yeh Kaisa Sansar*. A film completed and ready is

Paraya Ghar with Rishi, Jaya Prada, Raj Babbar, Mahavir and Kadar Khan. And one recently started by him is *Badi Bahu* with Govinda, Farha, Dimple, Shakil Kapoor and Kadar Khan.

Some more family films on the way include *Ghar Baske Dekho* directed by J.K. Bihari who recently did *Bibi Ho To Aisi*. Then there are *Ghar Parivar* by Mohanji Prasad, *Sawan Ka Mahina* produced by Jaya Prada directed by Kalpataru and with herself and Rishi Kapoor in the cast. *Bahrazi* is being made by Bharat Rangachary with Rekha, *Gharana* by K. Ravi Shankar with Meenakshi, Rishi, Govinda and Neelam, *Mama Ka Mandir* by Surendra Mohan with Mithun and Jaya Prada. There is also *Sagar Sangam* directed by Dular Guha with Shatrughna, Mithun, Raakhee, Padmima Kolhapure, Anita Raj etc., which was long delayed but is now being released.

Activity

All this flurry of activity in domestic dramas was obviously spurred by the fair success of *Pyar Ka Mandir*, *Ghar Ki Kahani*, *Hamara Khandan* and earlier *Swarg Se*



Sunder. The industry realised that audiences would welcome a violence-free family film, if it was well-knit and well-acted. The same is happening in the field of romantic dramas, and love affairs of young people opposed by elders or class feuds or old enmity. This has been triggered off by the huge success of *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak*. Since this film ended in tragedy with the lovers dying like Romeo and Juliet or Laila and Majnu, the new films are also having weepy endings.

The first to come up is

Ramao Kumar's *Parbat Ke Us*

Other such films expected in

near future are Boney Kapoor's *Prem* with his other brother Sanjay Kapoor making a hero's debut. Kanwal Sharma's *De Do Mujhe Pyar* with Rajiv Kapoor and Mandakini, B. Subhash's *Love Love Love* with Aamir Khan and Juhi, Barjatya's *Maine Pyar Kiya* with Bhagyashri and Salman Khan, B. Subhash's second movie *Pyar ke Naam Qurbani* with Mithun, Dimple, Mandakini, I Love You with Rajan Sippy and Sahila Chaudhury and of course R.K. (Raodhir Kapoor's) film *Henna* with Rishi and a till now unknown heroine.

Behind the screen

When veterans get together at functions, it is a touching sight. Recently, we saw Ashok Kumar, Jairaj, Lalita Pawar, K.N. Singh, Trilok Kapoor, and Agita in the same hall. K.N. Singh could hardly see as his eye-sight is damaged. Ashok Kumar looked bent and wrinkled. Jairaj on the other hand looked healthy and fit. Lalithai is of course still working. But it was Agita who kept everyone awake as she vigorously demanded: "Where are the eats and drinks?"

Dev Anand's new discovery, Ektaa, for his film *Awali Number* has created the wrong kind of waves. Just as Mandakini's past was dug up before Ram Teri this oew girl has been exposed as Aarti Sharma, Jharna, Radhika etc. People who are cut up with her say that she is hardly a fresh face. She has already done some soft-porn films and TV serials and she has just missed being Hema. It would be better if the background is honestly declared, who a new-comer is given a big break. After all, it is a small (film) world.

Film magazines are not doing as well as people think. Recently an English and a Hindi fortnightly published by a big group of newspapers have been turned into monthlies, as they were not faring well. To save costs, the Hindi mag's name (and goodwill) have also been erased and now it will only be a Hindi version of the English one.

Poor Kiran Juneja was given a raw deal in *Hamara Khandan* where the heroine was Farha. Kiran was told, hers was a parallel role of a proud rich girl. But she was almost reduced to a vamp. Moreover she had only one song-dance with Rishi. But



Farha: upstaging Kiran Juneja in 'Hamara Khandan'

even in that sequence, Farha was present in the hero's imagination and Kiran just began and ended the song. Let's see what friend Ramesh Sippy does for her in *Akeyla*.



Dev Anand



Sunil Dutt

Rishi Kapoor (left) and Meenakshi Seshadri: specialists in the family drama genre

FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

WOMEN NEED NOT LIMIT SPORTS ACTIVITIES

QUESTION: I have a young granddaughter who is very interested in gymnastics. She is just entering her womanhood and I am afraid she will be injured by all the strenuous activity involved. Shouldn't women limit their sports activity?

ANSWER: I think you're suggesting that sports and exercise are somehow bad for women. Nothing could be further from the truth. Exercise and sports participation help anyone, male or female, maintain fitness and bring on an increased sense of well-being.

To talk about limiting women's athletic participation because of risk of injury is as silly as limiting men's participation because they need to wear athletic supporters.

There is still the lingering myth that exercise will hurt women or impair their femininity or reproductive health. Yet, women were once expected to run a household at a time when water had to be hauled from a well, laundry had to be physically scrubbed and wrung out and rugs had to be beaten clean. If a woman was lucky enough to have a servant to do this heavy work, that servant was usually a woman too.

A fit woman is not more likely to be

injured when participating in sports than a fit man. There are a few accommodations that women athletes must make to participate in sports, however.

A large-breasted woman should wear a comfortable sports bra that will give her support for jumping or running. Women are more prone to knee and ankle injuries because of their wide pelvis, but proper stretching before exercise along with good shoes will reduce this risk.

There is no reason why a healthy pregnant woman should not continue to participate in sports or exercise. She should be careful of her changing centre of balance and of her lowered target heart rate, however.

As for your young granddaughter, she will gain much from her sports participation as she is watched closely by her coaches, who will assure that her activity is appropriate for her age and build. And you will enjoy every minute!

QUESTION: My dad, who is 75, has a number of skin growths. Should I leave them be, because of his advanced age, or should he seek some medical treatment?

ANSWER: Well, a dermatologist friend of mine believes it's never too late to treat

skio growths. In older people, she thinks it's very important from an emotional standpoint. Some growths are badges of age, which she feels people don't always wear proudly. So, by all means, take your dad to a doctor.

The typical growths found in the elderly are small, discolored skin tags in which malignant transformation is rare and treatment is relatively simple. Removal is usually accomplished through scraping, freezing or acid treatments.

Liver spots, another type of skin growth, frequently go untreated and are waved off as a sign of aging. But there is no need for this, since they are simple to treat and respond to bleaching or liquid nitrogen peels.

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BOSTON, Sept. 7. (AP): Mike Greenwell, who figures in more rallies than most players in baseball, also figures the Boston Red Sox are in the driver's seat in the American League East.

"I think we're the team to beat because we're in first place," Greenwell said last night after driving in three runs to lead Boston to a 6-1 victory over Baltimore Orioles, giving the Red Sox a two-game lead over slumping Detroit.

The Tigers, who led the division from July 28 until Monday, when Boston claimed the top spot, Detroit's 7-3 loss last night to Toronto was its sixth straight.

Elsewhere, it was Cleveland 1, New York 0; Seattle 2, Minnesota 3; Texas 3, Oakland 1; and Kansas City 3; California 2. Surging Milwaukee, which trails Boston by 4-1/2 games, and Chicago were idle.

Blue Jays 7, Tigers 3
George Bell doubled to trigger a four-run Toronto second inning as the streaking Blue Jays won their sixth straight game to remain 6-1/2 games behind Boston.

Detroit, 23-30 since the All-Star break, has lost 13 of its last 15 games. The Tigers had not endured a six-game losing streak since 1985 and hadn't dropped six consecutive games at home since 1984.

Mariners 8, Twins 3
Harold Reynolds drove in three runs as the Seattle whipped Minnesota.

Mike Campbell 6-8, allowed five hits and two runs in 6 2-3 innings for the victory. Mike Schooler pitched the final 1-2-3. Milesinnings for his 11th save, striking out three.

The loss left the defending World Series champions 9-1/2 games behind Oakland in the AL West and reduced the Athletics' magic number for clinching the division to 15.

Rangers 3, Athletics 1
Charlie Hough, struggling with a 3-8 record since July 4, scattered seven hits over 8 2-3 innings to lead Texas over the Oakland and break a six-game losing streak by the Rangers.

Don't blame Houston's Jim Deshaies if he doesn't show up for his next college reunion with Cincinnati's Tom Browning.

Browning and Deshaies, college teammates while attending Lemoyne in New York, have met three times this season and Browning has won each time.

Kal Daniels hit two home runs to drive in four runs and Browning won his seventh game in his last eight decisions as Cincinnati beat Houston 10-3 at the Astrodome last night.

"I'm sorry Jimmy had to take the loss," Browning said. "Jimmy had a rough early going, and it was a situation where you can't get down by much."

Browning, 13-2, has a 13-2 record since June 1, and the Reds have won six of their last seven games to move within 6 1-2 games of first-place Los Angeles in the National League West.

Elsewhere in the National League: it was Atlanta 2, Los Angeles 1; Pittsburgh 3, New York 2; St. Louis 1, Montreal 0; Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2; and San Diego 4, San Francisco 3.

Braves 2, Dodgers 1
Jeff Blauser hit his first home run of the season with two outs in the eighth inning off reliever Jesse Orosco as Atlanta beat visiting Los Angeles.

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Connors and Agassi sail through

NEW YORK, Sept. 7. (UPI): In a meeting of two of America's brightest young tennis talents, Andre Agassi handily defeated Michael Chang last night to gain the quarterfinals of the US Open against a man twice his age, Jimmy Connors.

Agassi, the 18-year-old fourth seed who lost in the opening round of his previous two Opens, disposed of the 16-year-old Chang, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.

Crushing

The crowd-pleasing teen thus set up an eagerly anticipated meeting against Connors, a five-time Open champion who at 36 is twice his age. Connors first played in the Open in 1968, two years before Agassi was born, and the two hit balls against each other when Agassi was four.

Connors goes into the match following his highest runaway at the championships in seven years, crushing Mexican Jorge Lozano, 6-1, 6-2, 6-0, in 85 minutes. This is the 15th time in 16 years Connors has reached the round of eight.

Completing the quarterfinal bracket are Ivan Lendl, in quest of a fourth successive Open crown, and unseeded Derrick Rostagno, who will face each

other for the first time. Lendl stumbled against a tough foe, Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland, before emerging with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 victory. The top seed, whose serve wasn't as effective as usual, has won 25 matches in a row at the Open since dropping the 1984 final to John McEnroe.

Rostagno, who said later he was "happy more for my parents than anything," defeated Haitian Ronald Agenor, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3 to give the United States four quarterfinalists in the Open for the first time since 1983.

Lendl opened each set with a service break, and gave it back only in the second set. Lendl was up two breaks at 4-1 in that set before Hlasek, ranked 25th, broke back in the sixth, 10th and 12th games.

Chang, whose ranking has risen to 48th, gained the initial break of the match in the third game, but Agassi got it back immediately and won the set with another break in the 12th game.

Agassi jumped to a 3-0 lead in the second set, and after Chang drew even, he got the decisive break in the eighth game. Agassi broke twice more in the third set, in the first and seventh games.



Connors to meet Agassi in quarterfinals

concluding business in an hour and 48 minutes.

Connors, the sixth seed, has lost only one set in four matches, and the three games he yielded to Lozano were the fewest he has allowed at the Open since beating

John Lloyd, 6-0 6-0 6-2 in 1981. Connors, who celebrated his 36th birthday last week, had his service broken only once, in the second game of the second set, and he broke Lozano eight times. Lozano fell and apparently

twisted an ankle when he was trailing 2-0 in the second set. The ankle was sprayed and taped, and Lozano didn't appear to be hampered by it, putting up his best fight in that second set.

Lozano, ranked 68th in the world, won merely 13 points in the first set and 14 in the third.

"I thought I hit the ball as clean as I could hit it today," Connors said. "Not only did I hit the ball clean, I moved well and it was a case of going out there and being sharp enough."

"I got off to a good start, got on top of him right away, didn't give him a chance to get into it and I think he got a hit discouraged along the way."

Errors

Except for the second set, when he also was charged with half of 20 unforced errors, Lendl didn't have his service broken, and he ended the 3 hour and 5 minute match with his seventh.

"He rushed you a lot," Lendl said of Hlasek. "He's a very solid player. He doesn't miss many approaches or volleys. I felt better in the third and fourth sets and started hitting the ball cleaner. I also think his legs got a little heavier."

New record

DOVER, England, Sept. 7. (AP): An 11-year-old English boy crawled ashore today at Shakespeare beach to set a new record as the youngest person to swim the English Channel, the Channel Swimming Association reported.

Organisers were unable to tempt Ballesteros to this event—the Spaniard is rationing his appearances this year—but virtually all the other leading players in Europe are taking part, including US Masters champion Sandy Lyle of Britain.

Thomas Gregory, age 11 years

333 days, broke the record set in

1979 when Marcus Hooper made

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days. Both boys belonged to the

Eitham Swimming and Training

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kilometres) northwest of Dover.

Tyson-Bruno fight postponed

Cayton and Britton said Tyson expressed no remorse over the cancellation.

Cayton said he would try for a December date at the 11,000-seat Wembley Arena, because the 55,000-seat Wembley stadium was unavailable after October 22.

A newspaper reported today that Tyson's car crash was a suicide attempt but the heavyweight champion's manager rejected the article as ridiculous.

The front-page story in the New York Daily News said Tyson told his wife Robin Givens by telephone on Sunday that he was going to kill himself by crashing the road accident in upscale New York.

Scuffle

Cayton said the Bruno bout,

already put back by two weeks

after Tyson injured his right hand in a scuffle with former heavyweight contender Mitch Green on August 23, would likely occur in December.

He said no new date had yet been arranged.

"He did sustain a concussion

and had a fairly long duration of unconsciousness, about 20-30 minutes," Dr. Caroline Britton told a news conference.

"There is a rather significant duration of unconsciousness—more than average for a head injury," she said. "He did not recall what happened when he first woke up. He does not recall the impact of the car," said Britton, a neurological specialist.

"The fact that he has amnesia

is a point of great concern for the doctors," Cayton said. "It shows that Mike is not normal.

"Originally he remembered

nothing—not even getting into the car. Over the last 48 hours he has begun to get a recall. Just today he remembered getting into the car, but he does not remember the impact."

Faldo stays on Ballesteros' tail

SUNNINGDALE, England, Sept. 7. (Reuter): Nick Faldo keeps up his pursuit of Severiano Ballesteros while looking over his shoulder at Ian Woosnam in the European Open Golf Championship starting tomorrow.

Hope

Woosnam, fifth in the list with earnings of £143,643 (£24,420) after two victories this year, has a strong reason for wanting to finish second, now that he has given

Kasparov to face Karpov in December

MOSCOW, Sept. 7. (Reuter): A play-off for the Soviet chess title will start on December 25 in Moscow between world champion Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov, Tass news agency said yesterday.

Tass said the decision to hold the four-game play-off was made at a meeting of the presidium of the Soviet Chess Federation.

If the score is tied after four games both men will be declared the champion, the presidium decided. If a player refuses to compete the title will be given to the other.

The chess federation also noted the refusal of the two men to demonstrate "good will" at the recent Soviet Chess Championship, which began in late July.

The final play-off had been due to start in August after Kasparov and Karpov tied 11.5-11.5, but chess officials said Karpov demanded a rest.

Karpov also said he might refuse to compete because of a clause obliging the players to continue playing for a sudden death result in the event of a 2-2 draw in the four-game match.

The announcement yesterday that such a draw would produce two winners appeared to address Karpov's complaint.

The chess federation said Kasparov and Karpov must let officials know by October 1 whether they intend to compete.

Karpov lost the world championship to Kasparov in 1985.

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England's India tour under threat

NEW DELHI, Sept 7. (Reuter): India came very close to saying today it would bar captain Graham Gooch from the England cricket tour of the country due to start in December because of his South African links.

Sports Minister Margaret Alva, speaking shortly before the England touring team was announced, said England's Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) knew perfectly well how strongly opposed India was to apartheid when it named Gooch captain.

"If they want to announce the team in spite of that, it's up to them. It's obvious they don't want to play in India," she said.

Alva, speaking to reporters watching her accept an anti-Gooch petition signed by members of all India's parliamentary parties, emphasised no decision had been made on Gooch.

Issue

That would come when the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) formally presented the England squad to the government, which has to issue visas, she said.

But Alva's vehement comments left little doubt that England's 11-week tour would not go ahead unless the TCCB removed Gooch from the squad.

Half of its members have South African links. Seven other players named to the team — John Emburey, Allan Lamb, Kim Barnett, Rob Bailey, Tim Robinson, Graham Dilley and Phil Newport — have either played or coached in South Africa.

But it was Gooch, who announced after his appointment on August 29 he had broken a contract to play in South Africa to take the job, who

incurred Indian wrath. Alva said that had she not been sports minister, she would have joined the more than 200 legislators who marched to her office to present their petition.

Immediately after Gooch's appointment, Alva had refused all comment. Her blunt remarks today suggested the government had already decided to bar Gooch.

"We have our differences in Parliament, but there are some issues on which we stand united. This is a national commitment," she said of the campaign against apartheid.

Asked if she would rather see the England tour cancelled than let Gooch play in India, Alva replied: "Absolutely."

Gooch is on a United Nations blacklist of sportsmen who have played or coached in South Africa for his participation in a rebel tour in 1982.

But the TCCB had argued he ought to be allowed to lead England on the tour because he had not been to South Africa since playing in the World Cup in India in 1987.

Anti-apartheid campaigners leading the drive against Gooch said his signature of a contract to play there meant he had forfeited his right to play in India.

India and England fought a similar battle in 1981. That was resolved when captain Geoff Boycott, who had played in South Africa, signed a statement condemning apartheid.

Boycott left the tour of India halfway through — then took part in the 1982 rebel tour, an action Indian cricket official say left a feeling of betrayal in New Delhi.

Meanwhile former England cricket captain David Gower



Demonstrators hold a protest in front of the sports minister's office in New Delhi against the tour of the England team. (Reuter wirephoto)

and veteran off-spinner Eddie Hemmings were recalled to the team today.

The choice of Hemmings, who will be 40 during the 11-week tour due to start on December 6, was the biggest surprise springing from the selectors.

He has not played a Test this summer, he has taken just 16 wickets at an average of 54.75 in his eight Tests and his international career was widely regarded as over.

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The party contains seven specialist batsmen, four fast bowlers, three spinners and two wicketkeepers.

Dilley and Neil Foster have been included despite both needing end-of-season operations for knee complaints.

The selectors are expected to ask two other fast bowlers to stand by in case either one is forced out of the tour.

Squad: Gooch (captain), Emburey (vice-captain), Bailey, Barnett, Childs, Dilley, Foster, Gower, Hemmings, Lamb, Lawrence, Newport, Rhodes, Robinson, Russell, Smith.

TCCB chief executive Alan Smith said later Indian cricket officials, with whom he and his Lord's colleagues were in almost daily contact, had made no mention of any political threat to the tour.

Practice

"They have said nothing at all yet about any threat of the tour being cancelled," he said. "Our talks in the main have concerned the itinerary, practice matches and the like. I'm not suggesting there isn't a threat but if and when it's firmly up I've no doubt we shall bear about it very quickly."

Smith also said Gooch's resignation had not been considered as an option for saving the tour if the situation worsened.

Asked whether the trip could go ahead if India barred one or more players, he said: "I don't see how the tour could take place under those circumstances."

Chairman of selectors Peter May said: "Our brief was to pick the best side and, as far as we understand it when we met last night, there is no question of the tour not going ahead."

Declared

When the match ended in an agreed draw with nine overs left, the local side were 83 for five, Reid finishing with three for seven in four overs.

The Australians largely dominated the game, making 317 for three declared in the first innings and then bowling out the Patron's XI for 246.

Australia resumed their second innings at 57 for one and found the going tough against left-arm spinner Nadeem Ghauri who picked up four of the five wickets to fall and ended with four for 72 in 25 overs.

Left-hander Peter Taylor rescued the Australians, following his first innings bowling effort of three for 43 with an unbeaten 50 when Border declared.

Reid clean bowled Aamir Sohail and Asif Mujtaba after achieving the initial breakthrough with the wicket of opener Rizwan-uz-Zaman who edged on Healy behind the stumps in the second over of the innings.

Limited

The team, minus reserve wicketkeeper David Williams and pace bowler Ian Bishop, will play a limited overs competition with Australia and India in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, from October 16-22.

Top 10 entries:

1. Abbas Al Mousawi, Qatar, Pajero.
2. Tareq Al Wazzan, Kuwait, Range Rover.
3. Eid Falab, Kuwait, Range Rover.
4. Sultan Al Soweidi, Qatar, Range Rover.
5. Ibrahim Mattar, Bahrain, Pajero.
6. Muharak Al Hajri, Qatar, Pajero.
7. Mamdouh Khayat, Saudi, Range Rover.
8. Khalil Ramadan, Bahrain, Suzuki.
9. Nader Engineer, Bahrain, Suzuki.
10. Ahmed Fardan, Bahrain, Range Rover.

Onlookers expect a battle between Mousawi, Al Wazzan and Falah, but Sultan Al Soweidi can not be discounted.

A total of twenty drivers will start the rally at 3.30 pm. Several

other Kuwaiti driver aim-

ed to start first in 4x4 rally.

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Mousawi won the event last year, forcing Kuwait's Tareq Al Wazzan and co-driver Khaled Khalifa back into second place, by a margin of only 30 seconds. This year Mousawi is driving a fully prepared Mitsubishi Pajero — a rather more powerful version of the cars driven by Ahmed Al Hilal and Ibrahim Mattar in last year's jeep series.

Embarrassed

Clearly Mitsubishi, who have built an impressive rally reputation over the years, were somewhat embarrassed at finding themselves beaten by standard cars in last year's series and decided to go all-out for an outright win here.

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